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Zimbabwe's road to prosperity. . . New Interchange powers regional link

Zimbabwe's road revolution yesterday reached new heights following the commissioning of the Trabablas Interchange, which is not just a construction endeavour but a catalyst for progress, connectivity, and growth, heralding a new era of infrastructure development. In a landmark event that underscored his commitment to modernising the country's infrastructure, President Mnangagwa officially commissioned the Trabablas Interchange, marking a significant milestone in the nation's ongoing efforts to enhance the road network and alleviate traffic congestion.

Trabablas commissioning The Trabablas Interchange, strategically located at the Mbudzi roundabout, has been designed to address one of the most notorious traffic congestion points in the country by transforming the driving experience at this crucial point through organised traffic flow and reducing the risk of accidents caused by anxious drivers. The interchange is expected to bring extensive economic benefits by enhancing regional connectivity, improving logistics and supply chain efficiency, attracting investment, stimulating local economies, boosting trade and tourism, and significantly contributing to Zimbabwe's

overall growth and prosperity. President Mnangagwa, in his address during the commissioning ceremony, highlighted the importance of this project in the broader context of Zimbabwe's infrastructure development.

He said, through ongoing road infrastructure upgrades, the country will exploit its strategic geographical position, enhancing its role as a critical regional and continental trade link. The seamless movement of people, goods, and services to boost integration, President Mnangagwa said, will be achieved through the use of local talent and resources, in line with the Second Republic's mantra, "Nyika Inovakwa Nevene Vayo" (A country is built by its own people). "Our unique geographical location positions Zimbabwe as a critical link between major markets, facilitating the movement of people, goods, and services. This is essential for advancing both regional and continental integration.

"Through the 'Road Corridors Approach', our efforts in upgrading road infrastructure are bearing fruit. The North-South Corridor, Beira Development Corridor, and Limpopo Corridor are the anchors of our connectivity as a land-linked and transit country. To this end, my Government is implementing a broad array



President Mnangagwa

of initiatives to reduce transit times. "These include infrastructure such as the Trabablas Interchange, which lies along the North-South Corridor. Similarly, upgrades to the Harare-Beitbridge and Shurugwi-Mhandamabwe roads, among others, align with this vision.

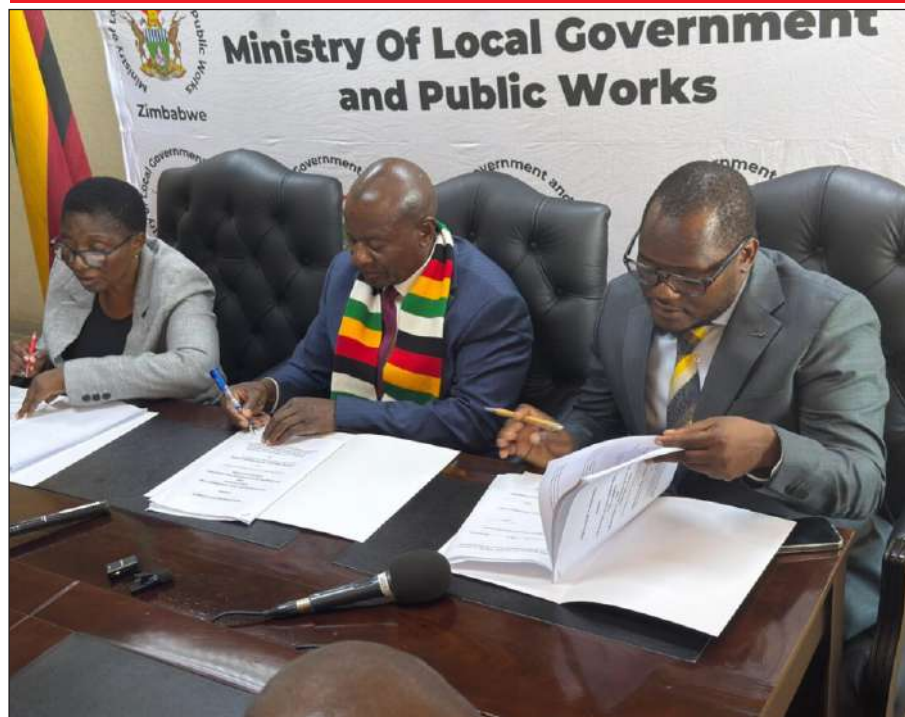
The construction of the Beitbridge-Bulawayo-Victoria Falls Road, Bulawayo-Nkayi Road, and Harare-Chirundu Road remains a priority. Additionally, my administration is modernising and

streamlining customs procedures and border management," said President Mnangagwa. He commended the contractor, Tefoma, and the local workforce for completing the Trabablas Interchange using domestic resources and expertise. "Your trust in our vision and willingness to partner with us is appreciated. I also applaud the engineers, planners, skilled artisans, construction workers, and all who dedicated their expertise and labour to bring this vision to

life. These abundant skills in our great motherland, Zimbabwe, should now be deployed for the modernisation of infrastructure across the entire SADC region and the African continent. "Beyond its economic value, this project has created jobs and empowered local contractors, while also showcasing Zimbabwe's engineering prowess. Over 2 000 workers, including youth and women, were directly employed on this project.

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Mnangagwa ally Tungwarara launches yet another scheme: 50,000 housing stands for war veterans



HARARE – An ally of President Emmerson Mnangagwa who made millions of dollars from the state through an opaque scheme to drill boreholes for war veterans has signed a controversial new agreement with the government to provide 50,000 housing stands to be parcelled out to ex-combatants. Paul Tungwarara is officially a presidential adviser on investment. He has however been noted for his rapacious accumulation of state contracts without competitive bidding.

He has come up with various schemes all prefaced with "Presidential" – giving an impression that his actions are with Mnangagwa's authority. His latest is the Presidential Stands for Veterans of the Liberation Struggle Programme, under which his company Prevail Group will secure 50,000 stands across the country through the local government ministry, service them and then hand them out to 50,000 "war veterans."

The government's own estimates, however, suggest there

could be less than 30,000 surviving war veterans – raising questions about some of the intended beneficiaries of Tungwarara's scheme. And coming 45 years after the liberation war ended, questions are being asked about the timing of the programme especially as most of the war veterans are too old and too poor to build on the housing stands, if they get them. The programme appears aimed at pacifying war veterans who have spoken out about living their last days in poverty and demanded Mnangagwa's resignation.

Mnangagwa wants war veterans on his side ahead of his planned push to stay in power beyond the two terms permitted under the constitution expiring in 2028, possibly stretching his stay in power to 2030. Tungwarara's new scheme was consummated in Harare on Wednesday where he signed documents with local government minister Daniel Garwe and war veterans minister Monica Mavhunga.

Mavhunga said Mnangagwa's government was "concerned

about the welfare of veterans" while promising that "we're going to do the programme transparently." Under the Presidential War Veterans Borehole Scheme, Tungwarara's company committed to drill 35,000 boreholes at the homes of war veterans. Before that project was completed, Tungwarara had launched the 'Presidential War Veterans Housing Scheme' with an ambitious plan to build modern houses at the homes of war veterans.

There were others, like the Presidential War Veterans Fund which saw Tungwarara crisscrossing the country carrying wads of cash under a scheme to distribute \$1,5 million to all 10 provinces through which war veterans would access "interest free loans" to start businesses.

Tungwarara has a more personal project, the Presidential Solar Programme through which the government would connect 200,000 households to solar power in the first phase. The programme is yet to take off.

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Mutsvangwa Defends Mnangagwa, Rebukes Early Succession Talk



Zanu PF national spokesperson Christopher Mutsvangwa

Zanu PF national spokesperson Christopher Mutsvangwa has come out strongly against what he described as "premature" succession debates within the ruling party, defending President Emmerson Mnangagwa's leadership and constitutional mandate. Speaking at a press conference held at Zanu PF headquarters in Harare yesterday, Mutsvangwa said President Mnangagwa is focused on delivering prosperity and warned internal party members against pushing early succession narratives.

"The President is delivering on the mandate of prosperity, which he was given by the people of Zimbabwe, because that's what they want," Mutsvangwa said. He disapproved growing internal pressure and speculation over who might take over from Mnangagwa whose second and final term constitutionally ends in 2028. "People of Zimbabwe do not vote for presidents so that they can nominate successors and that's not the business of the electorate. Why can't those who are coming from the party hold their horses? They can hold on until their time comes.

There was an attempt at a premature foisting of a successor," he said.

The outspoken former war veterans leader warned that the party has a history of rejecting leaders who attempt to impose themselves or their preferred successors outside the will of the people. "When a time came that a leader was no longer serving a revolution, we removed them and our people support the war even when leaders were removed because they had tried to be entitled to the revolution, we dispense with such a kind of leadership. Whenever a leader tries to become bigger than the revolution, we deal with him because that is the tradition of Zanu PF," Mutsvangwa added.

In a reference to the dramatic 2017 ouster of late President Robert Mugabe, Mutsvangwa accused the former leader of trying to establish a family dynasty. "The reason why President Mugabe had to be removed along the way was because he had decided to create a dynasty in this country, so he was moving with his succession agenda outside the context of the Zimbabwean people.

"He had turned his house and household into a courthouse of intrigue against the Constitution of Zimbabwe, which is what then led those who had put him in power originally, the war veterans, to remove him.

"If you begin to subvert the will of the people yourself as head of State, there is a difference between President Emmerson Mnangagwa saying I am a constitutionalist and I follow the Constitution, from Mugabe saying my wife becomes the new queen when I am gone," he said.

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Zimbabwe Edges Closer to Oil Production with Muzarabani Deal Nearing Finalisation



Hopes are mounting across Zimbabwe as the government announces that it is in the final stages of sealing a landmark agreement that could set the stage for the country’s first-ever oil production. The Production and Profit Sharing Agreement (PPSA) for the Muzarabani Oil and Gas project is nearing completion, raising national optimism for a transformative chapter in Zimbabwe’s economic development. Deputy Minister of Mines and Mining Development, Eng. Caleb Makwiranzou, confirmed that talks with contractors are well advanced. “We are now at the stage where we are negotiating with contractors to establish what is known as a Production and Profit Sharing Agreement. Once this agreement is finalised, the contractor will be granted the right to

exploit oil and gas resources in Zimbabwe,” he said. The government aims to wrap up the PPSA negotiations by the end of the second quarter, which ends in August. The PPSA is central to the Muzarabani project. It will outline exactly how profits from the oil and gas extraction will be shared between the government and the contractors. It will also define the legal and operational responsibilities of each party, providing the green light for extraction activities to begin in earnest. To prepare for this milestone, the Ministry of Mines and Mining Development recently trained its personnel in the strategic management of oil and mining contracts. The focus was on equipping staff with skills to negotiate deals that are not only equitable but also

position Zimbabwe to benefit fully from its natural resources. Confidence in the Muzarabani project has been bolstered by confirmation from exploration companies Geo-Associates and Invictus Energy that oil and gas reserves have indeed been discovered in the region. This marks the first time in Zimbabwe’s history that the presence of oil has been definitively confirmed within its territory, a breakthrough that significantly alters the nation’s energy and economic prospects. With the PPSA nearing completion, officials are eyeing the possibility of oil production beginning as early as next year. Preparations are currently underway to ensure a smooth transition from contractual agreement to full-scale extraction.

The development of an oil and gas industry in Zimbabwe is expected to deliver wide-ranging benefits. These include the creation of employment opportunities, an increase in government revenue, and a reduction in the country’s dependence on costly fuel imports. “The government wants to handle the project in a professional way so that the country gets the best value from its resources,” said Deputy Minister Makwiranzou, emphasizing the commitment to transparency and long-term national gain. As the Muzarabani Oil and Gas project progresses towards execution, the finalisation of the PPSA is set to be a defining moment for Zimbabwe. The move not only signifies the birth of a new industry but also holds the potential to reshape the country’s economic future and ensure energy security for generations to come. -Youthvillage

SADC chairperson urges global financial reform for Africa



THE SADC Chairperson, President Emmerson Mnangagwa

THE SADC Chairperson, President Emmerson Mnangagwa says it is imperative for reforms of International Financial Institutions to ensure fair terms for Africa. In his Africa Day message delivered on Sunday, President Mnangagwa stressed the importance of amplifying Africa’s voice within global governance structures to foster peace, inclusive development, and sustainable prosperity. “Elevating Africa’s voice is of urgent and strategic necessity for consolidating equality of nations as enshrined in the UN Charter as well as fostering inclusive global governance, peace, security and prosperity. Zimbabwe joins Africa in calling for a more representative and inclusive global political and financial architecture. “Africa’s voice with regard to our unique challenges, including conflicts, the debt albatross, climate change and economic disparities, among others, must be heard in the discourse that shapes global peace and security towards sustainable social and economic development.” President Mnangagwa highlighted the challenges Africa continues to face, including conflict, climate change, unsustainable debt, and economic inequalities, all of which demand more inclusive decision-making processes at the global level. “The imperative for reforms of the International Financial Institutions, to ensure fair terms for Africa is of urgent importance. Our nations can no longer be bound by exclusionary relics of colonialism that perpetuate inequality. On its part, Zimbabwe will, therefore, continue to take ownership and charge of our development trajectory, leveraging on our homegrown solutions and rich natural resource endowments. “Our collective expertise, resources and resilience of our people will be harnessed as we remain masters of our own destiny,” he said. Africa Day, commemorated annually on 25 May, celebrates the foundation of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) in 1963, now succeeded by the African Union (AU). It serves as a moment for reflection on the continent’s achievements and the challenges that lie ahead. -Zbcnews



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ANC Urged To Expel Geza Over Alleged Zimbabwe Destabilisation Plot



Former Zanu-PF Central Committee Member Blessed Geza

According toThe NewsHawks, Nyekorach-Matsanga has long been known as a staunch ZANU-PF supporter and public relations operative, having previously worked as a propagandist for Zimbabwe’s ruling party during the late President Robert Mugabe’s tenure. In a letter dated 18 May and addressed to ANC Secretary-General Fikile Mbalula, Nyekorach-Matsanga urged the South African government to expel Geza. He accused Geza of using South African territory as a base to launch attacks against Zimbabwe’s leadership, claiming that such activities undermine regional peace and security in contravention of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), African Union (AU), and United Nations (UN) treaties and protocols. Titled“Urgent Legal and Diplomatic Concerns Regarding Activities of one Bombshell Geza and Associated Groups Operating from South African Soil,”the letter alleges that Geza is at the centre of a wider network of political groups, activists, NGOs, and digital media platforms. This network, it claims, is orchestrating a coordinated “campaign of destabilisation” targeting President Emmerson Mnangagwa, ZANU-PF, and the Zimbabwean government. Part of the letter reads: Nyekorach-Matsanga urged South Africa and the ANC to uphold Pan-African solidarity and respect for national sovereignty. He said: Geza, a war veteran and member of ZANU PF’s Central Committee, is wanted by the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) on a range of criminal charges. These include the alleged theft of three motor vehicles, which were reportedly taken and disposed of without the owner’s consent. He is also accused of undermining the authority of, or insulting, President Emmerson Mnangagwa, an offence under Zimbabwe’s Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Act, as well as inciting public violence, particularly in connection with his calls for a national shutdown in protest against the country’s worsening economic conditions. Geza has been an outspoken critic of Mnangagwa’s administration, accusing it of corruption and gross economic mismanagement. -Thezimbabwean

Zim, Belarus to set up bus assembly plant

ZIMBABWE and Belarus have agreed to set up a bus assembly plant in the country where Minsk provides kits, with Harare using its abundant steel from Manhize, a development that will see the country becoming a hub of bus manufacturing for the Sadc region and the continent. An initial order of 300 kits will be coming soon and the actual buses will be manufactured in Zimbabwe with Dinson Iron and Steel Company (DISCO) at Manhize providing steel which is the crucial raw material for bus assembly

The same arrangement could be also be done on tractors where Belarus will provide kits and have the full tractor built in Harare, riding on the availability of steel in Manhize. This was said by bus manufacturer AVM managing director, Mr Jacob Kupa during a current affairs Star FM Radio programme, Muriro on Monday.

Mr Kupa was part of the Zimbabwean delegation led by President Mnangagwa that visited Belarus last week to explore ways of furthering cooperation between the two countries. "Belarus bus manufacturing plant is massive. They produce everything. I have always said as Zimbabwe we equally need to produce everything and we cannot be a market. Their bus plant was an eye opener. I also visited the tractor plant and we enjoyed



it. The tractors and buses coming into the country should not come completely built, we should do some work here," said Mr Kupa

"Now that we have Manhize coming on stream, we produce steel which is a raw material for buses and tractors. Why not manufacture these things. Let us look at Belarus as a partner in terms of manufacturing. Their manufacturing standards is very high and that is what Zimbabwe is looking at."

Mr Kupa said they have agreed to start with an initial import of 300 bus kits. "We are ordering 300 bus kits. We want to manufacture these buses together with the Belarusians. It's not importing a bus, but we want to create employment for our local people so the

buses will be manufactured here in Zimbabwe. This afternoon I had a meeting with Dinson Iron and

Steel company, all these buses will be manufactured from the plant at Manhize. In other words, we are going to get steel from Manhize, manufacture these buses from there. The first order is for 300 units or kits, the actual bus body will be built in Zimbabwe, so it will be a local bus," said Mr Kupa.

He said Belarus will set up a bus assembling plant in Zimbabwe that will provide buses locally, the Sadc region and the continent as a whole

"We have also agreed with the Belarusians that the cooperation does not cover Zimbabwe alone but the region as a starting point and Africa. So Belarus is not going to set up another plant to supply Africa but will be in Zimbabwe and we are excited about that," he said.

Zimbabwe and Belarus signed several agreements of cooperation in various fields that include manufacturing, media, agriculture, transport, women empowerment among others.

The two countries have registered milestones already in their cooperation as Minsk has delivered more than 2 000 high tech tractors, combine harvesters, a development that has immensely contributed to the country's good harvests last season. **-Herald**

Mutsvangwa points finger at councils for healthcare woes



Zanu-PF spokesperson and senator Christopher Mutsvangwa

Zimbabwe's Senate chamber descended into a heated debate on Tuesday as Zanu-PF spokesperson and senator Christopher Mutsvangwa pointed fingers at opposition-led urban councils for the country's worsening healthcare crisis, triggering a sharp exchange across party lines. During deliberations on recapitalisation of public healthcare institutions, Mutsvangwa argued that the breakdown in service delivery cannot be viewed in isolation from the country's economic challenges and the effects of international sanctions. However, he placed considerable blame on opposition-controlled local authorities for their alleged failure to deliver adequate healthcare at the municipal level.

"The finger-pointing which is being done here in this House shows woeful ignorance about how the system of government works in this country," Mutsvangwa declared. "Urban areas, which have been run by the opposition

for the past two decades, are just as responsible as the Central Government for providing health services."

He cited Wilkins Hospital in Harare, a municipality-run institution, as an example of how local authorities should have leveraged urban productivity to support better healthcare infrastructure. Mutsvangwa insisted that local authorities have failed to attract meaningful investment to improve services, indirectly worsening conditions in hospitals.

He called for unity and collaboration, stating: "If we can all pool our energies together, we can restore the health system of Zimbabwe."

Mutsvangwa's comments sparked immediate reactions from across the chamber.

Senator Maxwell Mdhuri painted a stark picture of the dire state of public hospitals. Recalling personal family experiences, Mdhuri told of how his grandmother received life-saving treatment after a landmine accident

during the liberation war, only to later die from cholera due to lack of basic care in a modern hospital.

"Cholera just requires a drip, but my grandmother died because she could not get one," he said emotionally. "This is no longer about politics. It's about human life. If our hospitals stay in this condition, what kind of future do we see for ourselves?"

Mdhuri urged the government to capitalize on Zimbabwe's strong relations with China to secure more medical supplies, equipment, and training. He also cited the recent death of a karate player after a road accident as further evidence of a broken healthcare system that the public increasingly associates with death rather than healing.

"This is not a partisan issue," he said. "We need all Hon. Members of this House to put our heads together."

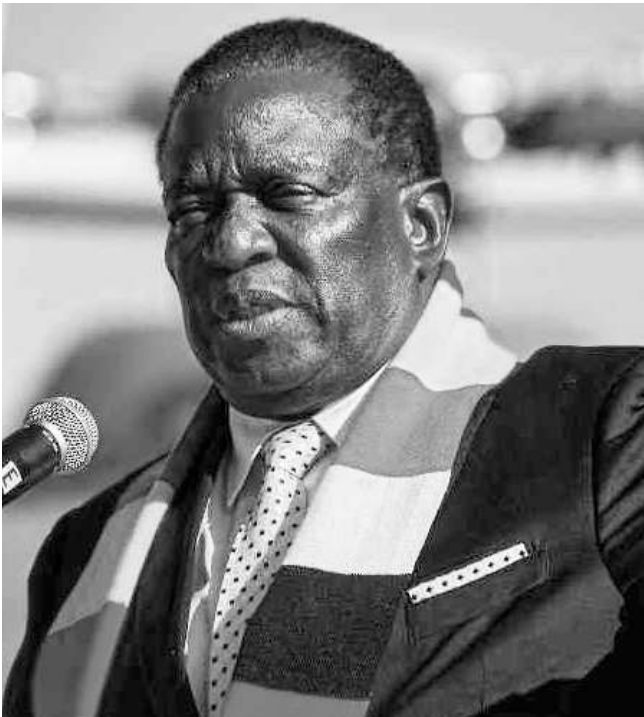
Senator Sesel Zvidzai echoed Mdhuri's sentiments, emphasizing that the Senate had long been raising alarms about Zimbabwe's health crisis. He proposed a countrywide assessment of provincial hospitals to better understand the depth of infrastructure decay.

He called for urgent reforms at the National Pharmaceutical Company (NATPHARM), especially to ensure that rural areas receive essential drugs and basic medical supplies. "We must map the state of dilapidation across our institutions to plan and respond effectively," Zvidzai said.

Despite political tensions in the chamber, the overall tone of the debate suggested growing consensus that Zimbabwe's healthcare crisis demands an urgent and unified response.

As hospitals continue to crumble, and with avoidable deaths on the rise, the Senate's debate underscored the need for solutions beyond partisan lines - with some senators calling it a moral imperative that should transcend political rivalry. **-Bulawayo24**

President to interface with war vets



President Mnangagwa

ALL is set for President Mnangagwa's interface with war veterans at City Sports Centre in Harare on Friday. The meeting will discuss the ex-combatants' welfare and empowerment projects, among other key matters. All war veterans are encouraged to participate and engage in discussions about their well-being. In an interview yesterday, ZANU PF Secretary for War Veterans, Ex-Political Prisoners, Detainees and Restricttees Cde Douglas Mahiya said the meeting will start at 10am with about 5 000 war veterans expected to attend.

President Mnangagwa will listen to the veterans and subsequently address the gathering. "We intend to have this interface on the 6th of June at the City Sports Centre. We are expecting at least 4 500 to 5 000 war veterans that are going to come there. President Mnangagwa belongs to the constituency." Cde Mahiya highlighted the importance of regular meetings between members and the President.

A \$1.5 million revolving fund has been availed for war veterans around the country with each province allocated at least US\$150 000. Further, war veterans have benefited from housing, solar-powered boreholes and bicycle schemes to improve their welfare. Cde Mahiya said it is crucial for war veterans to meet the President to provide feedback and discuss potential increases in loan amounts under the revolving fund.

"We will discuss the effectiveness of the interest-free loan programme for war veterans. On average, each war veteran is expected to benefit with over 150 veterans in every province involved in income-generating projects. This initiative is ongoing, as the President mentioned," said Cde Mahiya. "The goal is for each province to have an average revolving fund of about US\$1 million by June. While we may not reach that target, aiming for approximately US\$500 000 dollars per province is feasible".

He said up to 3 000 war veterans have received their share of the revolving fund.

"The fund continues to grow with the President's support. While I don't have exact figures, it's estimated that about 2 000 to 3 000 war veterans have benefited,

with some receiving larger amounts depending on their projects and repayment capabilities.

"Our goal is to unite all veterans, as we did during the liberation struggle, reinforcing their connection to the party". Cde Mahiya emphasised the need for unity among war veterans to safeguard the gains of independence and support the growth of the revolutionary party. He said President Mnangagwa had previously called for the protection of land allocated to war veterans, yet reports of land repossession continued to surface.

"This practice must stop," Cde Mahiya said, vowing to inform the President of their discontent. He said war veterans will also express their gratitude for the recent title deed initiative, which reaffirmed the veterans' right to land – a critical issue for those who had fought for it.

"The people of Zimbabwe went to war for land. Now, we must ensure they have access to it," Cde Mahiya said.

He said there is a need to ensure school fees for children of war veterans are paid on time.

"Right now, some are three terms behind, so those are some of the issues we will put on the table". **-Herald**

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Commission of Inquiry report ready for President



Justice Maphios Cheda

THE final report of the Commission of Inquiry into Harare City Council affairs since 2017 is now complete and ready to be presented to President Mnangagwa. Last year, President Mnangagwa appointed a five-member team led by retired High Court judge, Justice Maphios Cheda, to investigate governance at Harare City Council. During its hearings, the commission uncovered extensive corruption and mismanagement. Over 5 000 illegal stands were reportedly allocated ahead of the 2023 harmonised elections, with 350 housing cooperatives illegally regularised.

The commission also revealed that the town clerk was earning US\$27 000 monthly, which could rise to US\$30 000 with perks, while the lowest-paid executive was earning US\$15 000 monthly, none of which had been approved by the Local Government Board. City directors, who allegedly had “no payslips,” spent US\$124 000 on luxury foreign trips, in addition to US\$1 million on top-of-the-range vehicles during the election period.

Justice Cheda confirmed yesterday that the report is now with the Attorney-General’s Office. Attorney-General Mrs Virginia Mabiza said the report, completed last month, is now ready for presentation.

“The report is now ready. It is now a matter of securing an appointment to brief His Excellency. Justice Cheda and his team are ready to present it,” she said.

The commission uncovered a web of scandals, including the disappearance of US\$105 million, annual losses of US\$70 million due to inadequate systems, and the vanishing of a US\$4,5 million loan facility allocated to Harare Quarry. It also emerged that 100 head of cattle were being stolen monthly and that 60 000 houses were not being billed.

President Mnangagwa established the commission through Statutory Instrument 91 of 2024. In addition to Justice Cheda, the commission included local governance expert Steven Chakaipa, Norbert Phiri, Lucia Gladys Matibenga, and Khonzani Ncube. The Permanent Secretary for Local Government and Public Works, Dr John Basera, served as secretary. During the course of its work, Mr Norbert Phiri was replaced by lawyer Mr Tafadzwa Charles Hungwe.

The commission had an initial six-month mandate, with the option to request an additional three months. It was tasked with eight terms of reference. These included investigating financial management systems, compliance with the Public Finance Management Act, and the handling of revenue through special vehicle companies and outsourced arrangements. It also examined the failure to implement an enterprise resource planning system and quantified potential losses incurred. -Herald

Lieutenant-Colonel (Rtd) Ngwenya recounts cadet training, Rhodesian air raids

WE continue our interview with former freedom fighter Lieutenant-Colonel (Rtd) Njabulo Gwembetsha Ngwenya, pseudonym Cde Dokotela Makhalima. In previous interviews, Lt-Col (Rtd) Ngwenya spoke about his training in Zambia and Tanzania. In our last edition, he shared with our Assistant Editor, Mkhululi Sibanda (MS), how he was selected to undergo a cadet officers’ course at the Zambia Military Academy in Kohima. Below, he continues his account of the armed struggle, focusing on the training at Kohima and deployment to CGT.

MS: Let us resume our conversation for this week, with you taking us through your training at the Zambia Military Academy at Kohima.

Lt-Col (Rtd) Ngwenya: We began our training on 10 October 1977 and completed it on 29 September 1978. Among the cadres I trained with, were the now Zimbabwe National Army Commander, Lieutenant-General Emmanuel Matatu, the former Ambassador to Mozambique, Lt-General Nicholas Dube (Cde Bhuzwa), Major-General (Rtd) Chancellor Diye, John Nyamupingidza (Colonel Waison Tshipa) and Colonel (Rtd) Peeps Gonde, who is now an academic at the National University of Science and Technology (Nust).

Also with us were the late Brigadier-Generals Toddy Mpala and Milton Siziba, Carlos Mudzingwa, Baberton Sibhona and the late Captain Francis Zimuto, popularly known as Black Jesus during the land reform programme. Captain Zimuto was particularly active at the turn of the millennium when war veterans occupied commercial farms. I do have a full list of the Kohima cadres I trained with, but unfortunately, I cannot mention them all here. To those I have not named, please forgive me—it is not intentional.

MS: You may continue.

Lt-Col (Rtd) Ngwenya: Of the 95 of us, we were organised into four platoons. The senior intake we found already at the academy comprised Zambians and Tswanas. We went through proper cadetship, with our group leader being Dhlula (Carlos Mudzingwa), who was the senior under officer and was presented with a sword during the pass-out parade.

MS: After Kohima, where were you deployed?

Lt-Col (Rtd) Ngwenya: After our pass-out parade at Kohima, we were sent to Freedom Camp (FC). However, two weeks later, we were transferred to Emagojini,



Zimbabwe National Army Commander, Lieutenant-General Emmanuel Matatu

where there were two facilities: Camp Guerrilla Training (CGT) One and Two. It was shortly after we left FC that the Rhodesians launched a deadly attack on both FC and the girls’ military camp, Mkushi. These were bombed on 19 October 1978, resulting in heavy losses on our side. On that day, Rhodesian aircraft flew over our positions at Emagojini at very low altitude, but they did not attack. They were engaged by our anti-aircraft units and subsequently flew away.

MS: Why do you think they did not bomb your positions?

Lt-Col (Rtd) Ngwenya: The Rhodesians may have assessed the layout of our camps. For those unfamiliar, CGT was divided into two camps — one for artillery and one for infantry. The troops stationed there had received training in countries such as Angola, the Soviet Union and Ethiopia, making it a formidable deployment. Our assessment was that the Rhodesians realised the difficulty in attacking such a stronghold and aborted the mission. Our reconnaissance units had even observed enemy forces being dropped at nearby positions. We began

deploying accordingly but they could not be located. Due to the threat of attacks, the command decided to evacuate unarmed troops early each morning and have them return in the evening. Many of these comrades had just arrived from training in Angola and were yet to be armed. Only those who had trained in Ethiopia arrived fully kitted and armed—Ethiopia trained, equipped and deployed its trainees with personal weapons, such as AK-47s.

MS: How long did you remain at CGT?

Lt-Col (Rtd) Ngwenya: I was never deployed anywhere for long and CGT was no exception. One day, Baberton Sibhona and I had taken the troops out of camp as a precaution. Upon our return in the evening, we found a truck that was about to leave camp. We had been away all day, as usual. When the camp commander — now Colonel John Nyamupingidza (Tshipa) — saw me, he stopped the truck and asked one of the comrades to disembark. He instructed me to pick up my few belongings and take the comrade’s place. The person I replaced was Cde Chris Mukahanana, whom I had trained with at Kohima. Chris was then deployed to the

front and operated in Guruve, Mashonaland Central Province.

MS: Where were you being taken?

Lt-Col (Rtd) Ngwenya: We were being sent to Solwezi to serve as instructors at a newly established training centre called Mazoe Training Depot (MTD). When the Smith regime intensified its air raids on ZPRA camps around Lusaka — such as FC — the command decided to relocate training operations further north to the Solwezi region. That’s where we went. It became a new pool for instructors.

MS: Do you remember any names from that team?


Lt-Col (Rtd) Ngwenya: The camp commander was a seasoned veteran, Cde Busobenyoka. He was later succeeded by Bitwell. The Chief of Staff was Velaphi Nyoni (Lt-Col Binoni Benjamin Dube), who was deputised by Brigadier-General (Rtd) Brave Matavire. Others included Cde Moto (logistics), Mlonyeni (personnel) and Cde Tambudzo Shoko (administration). In the pool of instructors were myself as the medical officer, Nicholas Dube, Walker, Peeps Gonde, Makoni, Zebediah, the late Lt-General (Rtd) Sibusiso Busi Moyo, Austin, Attempt, Dry Phetsheya, Gibson Mabusa, Soweto, Kumbirai and Phinda.

MS: How large were the numbers you were training?

Lt-Col (Rtd) Ngwenya: We trained large numbers. The training syllabus was focused on guerrilla warfare, with some elements of conventional tactics. Recruits numbered in the thousands, and many of those who had completed training in countries like Ethiopia, Libya, Angola, and the Soviet Union were assembled there. At Mlungushi, there were four battalions that had completed conventional warfare training. Notably, the battalion that was deployed directly to Tsholotsho under the late Colonel Smile Madubeko Moyo (known as Middle) was selected from MTD. The numbers eventually grew to the equivalent of four brigades. However, arming all those troops became a major challenge. We were under the Department of Training, but the responsibility for arming lay with the Department of Operations.

To be concluded next week, with Lt-Col (Rtd) Ngwenya discussing his deployment to ZPRA headquarters alongside National Hero, the late Lt-Gen Sibusiso Busi Moyo. He will also reflect on the ceasefire period and attestation into the Zimbabwe National Army, prior to his posting to 4:3 Battalion, then commanded by National Hero Brigadier-General (Rtd) Victor Rungani. -Herald

There is nothing SADC will do over Zim’s shambolic and rigged elections — Chin’ono



Nelson Chamisa

Newsreportzim has learnt from a tweet by the renowned Zimbabwean journalist Hopewell Chin’ono that the Zimbabwean election was shambolic and rigged, but it is important to tell the citizens the truth: it is over, and there is nothing SADC will do. The SADC Executive Secretary, Elias M. Magosi, made a pronouncement in February that SADC has no powers to reorder an election and that no such thing will happen. He went further to say that he was disappointed that there are some citizens of SADC who believe that SADC can re-

order an election in a member State.

It is sad when citizens are made to believe in fairy stories that will never be fulfilled, tell the citizens the truth that for now there is no plan until the opposition is bold and fearless to fight the ZANUPF corrupt rule. Zimbabweans must know that no messiah is coming to save them from ZANUPF’s corrupt rule; it is Zimbabweans themselves who must unshackle from corrupt rule, and only then will the likes of SADC appear. Forget SADC and don’t believe the lies that it will do something; it won’t do anything for us!

This comes after the opposition politician Nelson Chamisa reportedly engages SADC to resolve the August 2023 electoral dispute. According to official results announced by the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission Chamisa lost the ballot for the second time to President Emmerson Mnangagwa who won 52,6 % of the vote against the opposition leader’s 44%.

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Zimbabwe’s road to prosperity. . . New Interchange powers regional link

<<P1 Furthermore, the ripple effects on downstream industries were significant, with most materials sourced and manufactured locally,” said President Mnangagwa. The President said the project was evidence that the ruling Zanu-PF party delivers on its promises. “The Second Republic is decisively advancing the transformation of our national infrastructure, with benefits accruing to all sectors of the economy and improving the quality of life for our people. Zanu-PF promises, and Zanu-PF delivers. We are delivering. This is real — here in Zimbabwe, we have done it.

All the ‘Doubting Thomases’ are invited to come and see. Let us be proud of who we are and what we can achieve,” he said. He emphasised that infrastructure development is key to achieving Vision 2030, adding that national development priorities are mindful of the growing population, urbanisation, and increasing demand for quality services. “In this

regard, transport infrastructure was identified as one of the critical enablers for economic growth, development, industrialisation, and modernisation. It is also central to accessibility to goods and key services, leading to an overall improvement in the quality of life for our citizens,” he said. President Mnangagwa noted that economic growth and increased activity in various sectors have placed pressure on roads, resulting in congestion, accidents, and frustrating delays.

“To address this, my Government developed a comprehensive, long-term strategy to transform our transport system to make it more efficient, sustainable, and people-centred. This multi-pronged approach focuses on improving existing infrastructure, upgrading public transport, and promoting behavioural change among road users and transport stakeholders. “One project under this strategy was the construction of this state-of-the-art interchange. With its completion, we expect a transformation in

travel, reduced congestion, and improved connectivity — not only for local transport but also along the North-South Corridor.”

He said the Trabablas Interchange is part of a broader Government plan to ease congestion in cities by widening major roads in central business districts and constructing appropriate interchanges at key intersections. Two additional interchanges will be constructed at Simon Mazorodze and Willowvale Roads, and at Simon Mazorodze and Remembrance Drive. “Additionally, four interchanges will be constructed at Mabvuku Junction, Harare Drive/Mutare Road, Harare Drive/Liberation Legacy Way, Nemakonde Way/Harare Drive, Sam Nujoma/Harare Drive, Westgate Traffic Circle, Kuwadzana Traffic Circle, and Churchill/Liberation Way. Nine junctions will be upgraded as part of the Joshua Nkomo Road (RGM International Airport Road) upgrade to grade-separated structures,” he said. “In addition, smart traffic management systems are now in

place and will be deployed to optimise traffic flow through intelligent systems.

The rollout of these systems must be publicised to encourage greater discipline on our roads. These projects are expected to significantly improve Harare’s transport infrastructure and facilitate smoother traffic flow, contributing to economic growth,” the President said. He urged ministries and Government departments to collaborate under the Whole-of-Government and Society Approach. President Mnangagwa also commended local communities for their resilience during the construction period, acknowledging the disruptions to daily life, business, and travel.

“Your co-operation, patience, and understanding have been instrumental in helping my Government bring this interchange to reality. It is my fervent hope that the benefits brought about by this project will serve as a lasting reward for your resilience and support. Let us continue to build our country, Zimbabwe,

brick by brick, stone upon stone,” he said. He called for the proper use and maintenance of the interchange. “As we commission this interchange, let us also remember that infrastructure is only as good as how we maintain and utilise it.

I urge all road users to adhere to traffic rules, drive responsibly, and take pride in this and other national assets across our country. I challenge us to protect all our vital infrastructure from vandalism so that it serves our people for generations to come,” said President Mnangagwa.

He revealed that the name “Trabablas” was derived from one of his revolutionary names during the liberation struggle — Trabablas Bricados Dzokerai Mabhun. The event was attended by several Government Ministers, Members of Parliament, captains of industry, Zanu-PF Politburo members and lower structures, senior Government officials, and other dignitaries.

-Herald

EXTERNAL CIRCULATION



The City of Harare is inviting suitable applicants for vacant positions that have arisen in the Departments of Works and Urban Planning Services.

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Applications clearly marked, on the envelope, the position being applied for, shall be addressed to **The Acting Human Capital Director, City of Harare, P. O. Box 1680, Harare, OR hand delivered to Records Office, Basement, Room B32, Rowan Martin Building, Harare, not later than 13 June 2025.**

POSITION : Chief Engineer (Electrical & Mechanical Services) (1 post)
GRADE : 4
REPORTING TO : Director of Works

JOB PURPOSE
Responsible for leading, managing and developing strategic framework for electrical, electronics and mechanical engineering for designs, selection, installation, servicing, repairs and maintenance of electrical, electronics and mechanical plant and equipment, ensuring optimum plant and equipment availability for City of Harare's operations.

- KEY RESULT AREAS**
- Formulates and reviews policies, strategies, procedures and systems for the Electrical & Mechanical Services Division.
 - Planning, organising and allocation of resources for Electrical, Electronics and Mechanical Services operations and programs.
 - Approves and performs due diligence on procurement processes regarding designs and specifications relating to electrical and mechanical installations, vehicles, plant and equipment including spare parts.
 - Prepares and manages the Division's capital and revenue budgets and forecasts.
 - Ensures safe working environments in line with the Factories and Works Act, Occupational Health and Safety Act and Environmental Management Act.
 - Robust controls and asset management.
 - Contracts Management.
 - Co-ordination of various sectors.
 - Revenue generation initiatives.
 - Supervision and Performance monitoring.

- QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**
- A relevant post graduate qualification is a requirement OR A Bachelor's degree in Electrical/Mechanical Engineering or equivalent with a minimum of 10 years experience.
 - Project Management qualification will be an added advantage.
 - Corporate Membership of the Zimbabwe Institution of Engineers or other relevant Institution.
 - At least five (5) years working experience at middle management level in a similar Engineering environment.

POSITION : Chief Engineer - Roads (1 post)
GRADE : 4
REPORTING TO : Director of Works

JOB PURPOSE
Responsible for leading, managing and developing strategic framework for roads and storm-water infrastructure engineering for construction and maintenance, ensuring that City of Harare has functional safe roads and storm-water run-off disposal system.

- KEY RESULT AREAS**
- Formulation, review and implementation of policies, strategies and systems for the Roads Division.
 - Planning, organising and allocation of resources for roads construction and maintenance works.
 - Management of the designing and construction of roads infrastructure and storm-water drainage systems.
 - Effective oversight on the allocation, disbursement and monitoring of funds dedicated to road infrastructure projects and transparent accountability.
 - Prepares and manages the Division's capital and revenue budgets and forecasts.
 - Ensures safe working environments in line with the Factories and Works Act, Occupational Health and Safety Act and Environmental Management Act.
 - Contracts management.
 - Co-ordination of various sectors.
 - Robust controls and asset management.
 - Revenue generation initiatives.
 - Supervision and performance monitoring.

- QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**
- A relevant post graduate qualification is a requirement OR a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering or equivalent with a minimum of 10 years experience.
 - Project Management qualification will be an added advantage.
 - Corporate Membership of the Zimbabwe Institution of Engineers or other relevant Institution.
 - At least five (5) years working experience at middle management level in a similar Engineering environment.

POSITION : Head Amenities (1 Post)
GRADE : 4
REPORTING TO : Director of Works

JOB PURPOSE
Responsible for coordinating and managing the provision of hygienic, efficient and economic solid waste collection, transportation and treatment and/or disposal in a manner that is safe to the environment. The incumbent provides overall leadership in the formulation and implementation of waste management policy.

- KEY RESULT AREAS**
- Formulates and implements appropriate waste management policies, strategies and systems in a sustainable way.
 - Manages waste reduction, efficient collection and disposal, recycling, street and public toilets cleaning operations.
 - Management of Waste Management plant and equipment
 - Promoting community awareness and behavior change through effective campaigns.
 - Effective monitoring and control of waste disposal (Industrial & domestic) in compliance with Harare Municipal By-laws and Environmental Management Agency regulations.
 - Staff Development and performance management.
 - Fostering win-win partnership relationships with internal and external stakeholders
 - Submit periodic reports on waste management in order to track divisional operations.

- QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**
- A relevant post graduate qualification is a requirement OR a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies/Environmental Health Science/Environmental Engineering/Civil Engineering with a minimum of 10 years experience.
 - Post-graduate qualification with a bias towards Environmental Health or Waste Management is a distinct advantage.
 - Registration with the relevant professional Institution.
 - A minimum of 5 years of relevant working experience with 2 years being at middle management level in environment management related roles.

POSITION : CHIEF STRUCTURAL ENGINEER (1 post)
GRADE : 5
REPORTING TO : HEAD ARCHITECTURE

JOB PURPOSE
Responsible for providing Structural Engineering services, advice, recommendations and guidance to contractors and Council User Departments to ensure high standards of infrastructure development and safety standards.

- KEY RESULT AREAS**
- Produces structural designs and drawings
 - Carries out site inspections and supervises contractors on site.
 - Evaluates payment certificates on structural work done by contractors.
 - Inspects Council buildings and oversees repairs and maintenance works.
 - Liaises with other technical sections.
 - Advises the City Architect on structural engineering issues.
 - Supervises and trains junior staff.

- QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**
- A Degree in Structural Engineering or Equivalent.
 - At least 5 years' experience in Civil and Structural Management/Design and Project Management
 - Corporate Membership of the Zimbabwe Institution of Engineers a must.
 - Registered with Engineering Council of Zimbabwe as a Professional Engineer.
 - Experience in Structural Engineering work in a Local Authority setting is an added advantage.
 - A Master's Degree in Construction Project Management an added advantage.
 - A clean class 4 Driver's Licence a must

POSITION : DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEER (MECHANICAL) (1 POST)
GRADE : 5
REPORTING TO : CHIEF ENGINEER

JOB PURPOSE
Responsible for the formulation and implementation of policies, strategies and systems for the design, selection, installation, servicing, repair and maintenance of all mechanical plant and equipment in Council, projects management including coordination and supervision of the Central Mechanical,

Heavy Plant and Automotive Workshops.

- KEY RESULT AREAS**
- Formulates and reviews policies, strategies, procedures and systems for the section.
 - Plans, organizes, delegates, coordinates and controls programs and operations.
 - Ensures all mechanical installations are up to approved standards.
 - Approves designs and specifications relating to mechanical installations, vehicles, plant and equipment including spare parts thereof.
 - Ensures safe working environments in line with the Factories and Works Act, Occupational Health and Safety Act and Environmental Management Act.
 - Prepares and manages the section's capital and revenue budgets and forecast.
 - Manages the Asset Register relating to mechanical plant and equipment in liaison with Administration.
 - Performance Management within the context of IRBM
 - Responsible for ensuring optimum fleet availability, efficiency and overall equipment effectiveness.
 - Performs due diligence on procurement processes for mechanical equipment through effective determination of equipment specifications
 - Responsible for management of projects under his purview.

- QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**
- A Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering or equivalent.
 - Corporate Membership of the Zimbabwe Institution of Engineers or other relevant Institution.
 - At least five (5) years working experience at a senior level in an Engineering environment.
 - Clean Class 4 Drivers Licence

POSITION : PRINCIPAL LAND SURVEYOR (2 POSITIONS)
GRADE : 6
REPORTING TO : CHIEF LAND SURVEYOR

JOB PURPOSE
The incumbent will be the head of the branch comprising survey teams responsible for the execution of cadastral, engineering and topographical surveys. Ensures that survey quality assurance protocols and procedures are observed. S/he implementing performance management and administration in the teams. The incumbent liaises with relevant internal and external stakeholders such as the Department of Surveyor-General, the Council of Land Surveyors, the Registrar of Deeds, professional bodies of Land Surveyors and Geomaticians such as SIZ, ZIG, ZIE.

- KEY RESULT AREAS**
- Executes cadastral surveys, supervising and monitoring the execution of cadastral survey work by graduate Land Surveyors and Land Survey Technicians in terms of the Land Survey Act [Chapter 20:12], Land Surveyors Act [Chapter 27:06], and the respective Rules and Regulations framed therefrom;
 - Executes surveys for resolution of boundary disputes;
 - Maintains survey job registers and develops work plans regularly
 - Liaises with the Department of the Surveyor General and the Registrar of Deeds in relation to the management and examination of title surveys and the registration of land;
 - Prepares training schedules for the training of graduate Land Surveyors during articleship in terms of the Land Survey Act [Chapter 20:12], Land Surveyors Act [Chapter 27:06], and the respective Rules and Regulations framed thereunder;
 - Implements performance management strategies and prepares progress and operations reports as required;
 - Determines and recommends budgetary and equipment requirements;
 - Controls usage of equipment and ensures proper maintenance and service thereof;
 - Attends other land survey related institutional fora as may be delegated from time to time.

- QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**
- Bachelor's Degree in Surveying and Geomatics, or an acceptable equivalent.
 - Government of Zimbabwe Certificate of Recognition for registration as Land Surveyor in Zimbabwe
 - Registration with the Council of Land Surveyors as Practicing Land Surveyor in Zimbabwe.
 - At least five (5) years relevant post qualification experience, with at least two years thereof practicing as a Land Surveyor-in-Training
 - At least three years in a managerial position in similar organizations
 - Membership of a relevant professional body (SIZ, ZIG, ZIE) is a must
 - A clean class 4 driver's license is a **must**

POSITION : PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT (1 POSITION)
GRADE : 6
REPORTING TO : CHIEF-ARCHITECTURE(DESIGN AND PROJECTS) JOB PURPOSE

Responsible for technical and administrative expertise in overall design and project management of council building projects.

- KEY RESULT AREAS**
- Designs and produces drawings.
 - Contract management and quality management.
 - Assigning project team members to projects.
 - Writing and presenting reports, proposals, applications and contracts.
 - Project and Team Management.
 - Ensures the health and safety of employees and contractors on project sites
 - Performance management

- QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**
- A five-year University Degree in Architecture from a recognised University.
 - Professional registration with Local Architect's Council of Zimbabwe.
 - Post graduate qualification will be added advantage.
 - Five years post qualification experience with at least 2 years at middle management level.
 - A clean class 4 Driver's Licence.

POSITION : Principal Engineer Planned Maintenance Officer (1 Post)
GRADE : 6
REPORTING TO : Chief Engineer Electrical & Mechanical

Responsible for all the planned maintenance activities related to all Council plant, equipment and machinery to ensure optimum plant availability and life span as well as maintain and update all records pertaining to plant installations, plant and equipment data, plant and equipment history of repairs.

- KEY RESULT AREAS**
- Prepares and distributes Planned Maintenance Schedules for all Council machinery and equipment to all the implementing agents.
 - Prepares and maintains a comprehensive and up to date asset register.
 - Establishes the planned maintenance tasks to be carried out on any new machinery acquired by the City and reviews them.
 - Drafts and reviews standard task procedures for repair and maintenance of equipment.
 - Coordinates Root Cause Analysis, assesses history records, and recommends corrective action and maintenance strategies.
 - Initiates planned maintenance orders for work in liaison with user or client departments.
 - Liaises with Supply Chain on stocking of critical spares and consumables.
 - Prepares periodic status/progress reports on the maintenance function.
 - Manages and maintains all manuals for plant, equipment and parts.
 - Implementation of procedures relating to health and safety in line with Factories and Works act.

- QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**
- Degree in Electrical/Mechanical engineering or equivalent qualification.
 - Diploma or Certificate in Planned Maintenance will be an added advantage.
 - Membership of the Zimbabwe Institution of Engineers.
 - Clean Class 4 driver's licence a must
 - At least 5 years' experience in the relevant field of which 2 years must be at supervision level.
 - Hands-on experience in electrical and mechanical plant installations, maintenance and repairs.

POSITION : CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER (1 POSITION)
GRADE : 6
REPORTING TO : HEAD-AMENITIES

JOB PURPOSE
Responsible for the day to day management, coordination and implementation of refuse collection schedules across the City through effective deployment and utilization of human, equipment and material resources for better sanitation and public health outcomes.

- KEY RESULT AREAS**
- Planning weekly and monthly deployments in liason with Cleansing Superintendents.
 - Selecting and deploying labour, tools and equipment as per need to achieve optimum performance levels.
 - Maintaining an inventory of the Division's assets and initiates tools, plant and equipment repairs in liason with the Technical Services Engineer.
 - Monitoring and controlling the quality of services rendered and taking corrective measures where necessary.
 - Monitoring and controlling labour, plant, equipment and vehicle fuel usage to ensure optimum economy and productivity.
 - Managing relevant internal stakeholder relationships to promote smooth flow of operations.
 - Supervising subordinates and identifying employee training requirements.
 - Ensuring that employees adhere to proper safety and health procedures.
 - Monitoring and evaluating service delivery and revenue performance and make recommendations on improvements to the Head Amenities.
 - Advising management on modern refuse collection and disposal methods and processes.

- Compiling periodic reports to the Head Amenities on divisional operations as and when necessary.
- Attending to enquiries from residents and other stakeholders.

- QUALIFICATIONS**
- Degree in Environmental Health/relevant Engineering Discipline/ Public Administration/ Public Health or equivalent.
 - Post Graduate degree in Management or equivalent is an added advantage.
 - Clean Class 4 Driver's Licence a must.
 - At least 5 years' experience at supervisory level

POSITION : QUANTITY SURVEYOR/SENIOR (2 POSITIONS)
GRADE : 8/7/6
REPORTING TO : HEAD-ARCHITECTURE

JOB PURPOSE
Responsible for preparation of construction and maintenance schedules of Council buildings, advising on construction and maintenance procedures while adopting sustainable and cost effective solutions.

- KEY RESULT AREAS**
- Preparation of preliminary cost estimates, interim valuations and Final Accounts.
 - Preparation and management of detailed programmed/scheduled maintenance for council buildings portfolio.
 - Preparation of cost indices.
 - Production of bills of quantities, estimates and schedule of materials from site measurements and construction drawings.
 - Writing and presenting maintenance reports and proposals.
 - Ensures the health and safety of employees and contractors on project sites
 - Performance management
 - Monitoring material utilisation/usage on construction sites.

- QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**
- Degree in Quantity Surveying from a reputable University
 - At least 3 years' experience.
 - Professional registration with Local Quantity Surveying Institute.
 - A clean class 4 Driver's Licence.

POSITION : CHIEF LAND SURVEY TECHNICIAN (1 POST)
GRADE : 7
REPORTING TO : CHIEF LAND SURVEYOR

JOB PURPOSE
Is responsible for the coordination and execution of topographical and engineering surveys, and cadastral surveys. Implements performance management and administration for the effective deployment of resources to survey field teams.

- KEY RESULT AREAS**
- Maintains equipment store for the Land Survey Section.
 - Distributes and allocates survey equipment and resources for field observations and data gathering
 - Ensure vehicles allocated to the section are in a good state of repair and service
 - Liaises with the Department of Surveyor General and other relevant stakeholders for acquisition of data searches.
 - Executes survey field work for cadastral, topographical and engineering surveys,
 - Carries out computations and reductions of observations for the preparation and production of relevant plans and documents.
 - Checks plans prepared from topographical and engineering surveys and oversees the filing thereof,
 - Recommends budgetary and equipment requirements to the Land Surveyor/Senior
 - Implements performance management and supervises subordinates.
 - Assists in training and orientation of graduate Land Surveyors, Land Survey Technicians, Survey Field Assistants (Operators) and Vacation students.

- QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**
- Minimum of 5 'O' Levels including Mathematics and English Language is a must; passes in 'A' Level Science subjects are an added advantage
 - A National Diploma in Surveying and Geomatics, or acceptable equivalent from a recognized institution is a must.
 - A Higher National Diploma or a degree in Surveying and Geomatics or acceptable equivalent from a recognized institution is an added advantage.
 - At least seven (7) years relevant post qualification working experience,
 - Experience in the use of optical, electronic and GNSS survey equipment.
 - Sound knowledge of Survey Calculations and Computer Aided Design software.
 - Membership of a relevant professional body (SIZ, ZIG, ZIE) is a must
 - A clean class 4 (or superior) driver's license is a must

POSITION : ENGINEER REGIONS (4 POSTS)
GRADE : 7
REPORTING TO : PRINCIPAL ENGINEER

JOB PURPOSE
Responsible for administration, planning, organization, execution and monitoring of operations relating to maintenance of existing road network, construction of new roads and management of resources.

- KEY RESULT AREAS**
- Conducts visual road inspections/surveys, determining scope and prioritizing maintenance interventions to address road defects in Regions.
 - Plans, organizes and guides the Region/Regional Area Superintendents on road maintenance and improvement activities in their respective Regions/areas.
 - Resource procurement and scheduling for Region/area maintenance activities, tracking and reviewing work progress and ensuring that work is done to specifications.
 - Robust controls and asset management.
 - Preparation of Reports.
 - Guides and mentors' subordinates.

- QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE**
- A Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering or Construction Management.
 - At least three years working experience in an engineering field.
 - Should have undergone a structured graduate trainee program with a reputable organisation.
 - Membership of the Zimbabwe Institution of Engineers or other relevant Institution.
 - Clean Class 4 Drivers Licence.

POSITION : STRUCTURAL ENGINEER/SENIOR (1 post)
GRADE : 8/7
REPORTING TO : CHIEF STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

JOB PURPOSE
Responsible for providing Structural Engineering services, advice, recommendations and guidance to contractors and Council User Departments to ensure high standards of infrastructure development.

- KEY RESULT AREAS**
- Produces structural designs and drawings
 - Carries out site inspections and supervises contractors on site.
 - Evaluates payment certificates on structural work done by contractors.
 - Inspects Council buildings and oversees repairs and maintenance works.
 - Liaises with other technical sections. On structural engineering issues.
 - Advises the City Architect on structural engineering issues.
 - Supervises and trains Junior staff.

- QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**
- A Degree in Structural Engineering or Equivalent.
 - Minimum 2 years' experience in Design and Project Management.
 - Should have undergone a structured graduate trainee program with a reputable organisation.
 - Membership of the Zimbabwe Institution of Engineers or Equivalent.
 - A clean class 4 Driver's Licence an added advantage.

POSITION : LAND SURVEYOR/SENIOR (2 POSTS)
GRADE : 8/7
REPORTING TO : PRINCIPAL LAND SURVEYOR

JOB PURPOSE
The incumbent will be team leader of survey teams that execute cadastral, engineering and topographical surveys. S/he implements performance management and administration in the team for effective and efficient deployment of resources therein. Attends inter-divisional, inter-departmental and other meetings with stakeholders and institutions, like the Department of the Surveyor-General, Survey Institute of Zimbabwe and the Council of Land Surveyors.

- KEY RESULT AREAS**
- Executes cadastral surveys, supervising subordinate survey team members.
 - Executes surveys for resolution of boundary disputes.
 - Prepares work plans for surveys and maintains job registers.
 - Liaises with the Department of the Surveyor General and the Registrar of Deeds in relation to the management and examination of title surveys and the registration of land.

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- Supervise and monitor the execution of cadastral survey work by graduate Land Surveyors and Land Survey Technicians in terms of the Land Survey Act [Chapter 20:12], Land Surveyors Act [Chapter 27:06], and the respective Rules and Regulations framed therefrom.
- Implements performance management strategies and prepares progress and operations reports as required.
- Determines and recommends budgetary and equipment requirements.
- Controls usage of equipment and ensures proper maintenance and service thereof.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- A Bachelor's degree in Surveying and Geomatics, or acceptable equivalent from a recognized institution is a must.
- Registration with the Council of Land Surveyors in Zimbabwe.
- Membership of a relevant professional body (SIZ, ZIG, ZIE) is a must
- At least two years post qualification experience working in both Cadastral Surveying and Engineering Surveying environment.
- Sound knowledge of Survey Calculations and Computer Aided Design Software
- Experience in the use of optical, electronic and GNSS survey equipment.
- A clean class 4 (or superior) driver's licence is an added advantage

POSITION : TOWN PLANNER / SENIOR PLANNER (Forward Planning & Regions) (2 POSTS)

GRADE : 8/7

REPORTING TO: PRINCIPAL TOWN PLANNER

JOB PURPOSE

Responsible for the preparation and reviewing of the Harare Combination Master Plan and Local Plans, Layout Plans for residential, commercial, Industrial and Institutional uses, Processing of subdivision applications for change of use, reservations, developments, consolidation and monitoring developments within City of Harare.

KEY RESULT AREAS

- Preparation/review of Harare Master Plan and Local Development Plans, Layout Plans for residential, Commercial, Industrial and Institutional uses.
- Processes Subdivision and consolidation applications, change of use, reservations, certificates of compliance and applications for development and monitors developments within the city to ensure compliance with the operative Planning Frameworks.
- Provides advice on Town Planning matters to stakeholders.
- Writes reports on Town Planning matters.
- Provides data of land use nature to other departments and stakeholders.
- Carries out research for policy review, by laws and legislative reviews and other emerging development issues.
- Handling Appeal cases at the Administrative/High Court in conjunction with the Chamber Secretary as well as appearing in Court as Expert witness.
- Enforcement of Town Planning Regulations and By Laws.
- Advising Council on Town Planning matters.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- A Bachelor's Degree in Town Planning.
- A Master's Degree in Town Planning an added advantage.
- At least 3 years' experience working in a local authority or public sector.
- Membership to a relevant Institute a must.
- Clean Class 4 Driver's licence an added advantage.

POSITION : PLANNER/SENIOR TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION (ADVERTISING) (1 POST)

GRADE : 8/7

REPORTING TO: PRINCIPAL TRANSPORT PLANNER

JOB PURPOSE

Responsible for administering outdoor advertising, parking vehicular requirements and operations, research and development of parking and transportation issues, road and road infrastructure planning and designing.

KEY RESULT AREAS

- Supervise research on traffic and transportation issues.
- Implement traffic control measures.
- Administer outdoor advertising.
- Supervise billboards inventory, identification and removal of illegal billboards.
- Deal with parking requirements and operations.
- Supervise and monitor public transport.
- Liaise with public transport operators and their need.
- Facilitate the provision of adequate public transport services.
- Identify and design suitable traffic calming measures.
- Prepares Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP).

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- A Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning or related field.
- Minimum three (3) years post qualification experience appropriate to the discipline.
- Membership to a relevant Institution.
- Clean Class 4 Driver's licence.

POSITION : FLEET MANAGEMENT OFFICER (1 POSITION)

GRADE : 8

REPORTING TO: CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

JOB PURPOSE

Responsible for planning, directing, managing, coordinating, availing, maintenance, registering, licensing and tracking of refuse collection trucks, plant and equipment for the Division.

KEY RESULT AREAS

- Producing vehicle and plant maintenance schedule to ensure proper functionality and availability of fleet.
- Issuing updates to vehicle users on the next date of service, generating and processing vehicle maintenance and repair Order for works and requisitions.
- Deploying vehicles to respective drivers for service delivery.
- Receiving reports of vehicle accidents, processing motor vehicle claims and follow up on police reports and third party claims.
- Engaging with the police, EMA and VID on the clearing of impounded vehicles.
- Identifying vehicles due for disposal using the standard checklist
- Reporting on unserviceable vehicles and recommending disposal
- Supervising proper cleaning of vehicles, issuance of fuel and lubricants and reconciliation of issues against stock levels.
- Liasing the panel beaters, workshops and Procurement Unit on vehicle repairs.
- Referring drivers to Accident Inquiries

- Committee and representing the Department as a witness in disciplinary hearings.
- Referring newly appointed drivers for Municipal Vehicles Driving Authority testing.
- Monitoring tracking of vehicle movements and check on proper usage and driving habits
- Checking on the correctness of odometer readings and rates on private vehicles locomotive claims before forwarding the claims to the Finance Department for payment.
- Supervising subordinates and managing their performance.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Degree in Transport & Logistics or equivalent
- Qualification in Motor Mechanics, Diesel Plant Fitting or Auto Electrics is an added advantage.
- Clean Class 2 Driver's Licence is a must.
- 3 years' relevant experience

POSITION : GIS/Survey Technician/Senior (11 Posts)

GRADE : 9/8

REPORTING TO: GIS OFFICER/ Senior

JOB PURPOSE

The incumbent will be responsible for capturing data and mapping of city utilities and infrastructure mapping, cadastral mapping for the maintenance (updating) of the City's geodatabase so that an up-to-date abstraction of the reality is maintained. S/he will also implement performance management and administration in the teams for efficient and effective deployment of resources therein.

KEY DUTIES

- Execution of field data capturing of City utilities and infrastructure.
- Execution of secondary data capturing of City utilities and Infrastructure.
- Liaison with the Department of the Surveyor General, Chief Land Surveyor and other relevant stake holders for acquisition of GIS Data.
- Conducts data cleaning and validation of GIS data sets.
- Produces maps and when required.
- Ensures data integrity as directed by the Senior GIS officers.
- Implements performance management and supervise subordinates (data capturing team members)
- Recommends budgetary and equipment requirements to the SNR/Principal GIS officers.
- Controls and ensures safety and service of equipment in his/her domain.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- 5 "O" Levels including Mathematics, Science and English
- National Diploma in Geographical Information Systems, Cartography, Land Surveying or acceptable equivalent from a recognised institution of Higher Learning.
- Membership of any relevant professional body (ZIG, SIZ, ZIE).
- At least two years' experience working with GIS data or equivalent.
- Class 4 Drivers License

POSITION : LAND SURVEY TECHNICIAN / SENIOR (5 POSTS)

GRADE : 9/8

REPORTING TO: LAND SURVEYOR / SENIOR

JOB PURPOSE

The incumbent will be responsible for field observations and measurements in the execution of cadastral, engineering and topographical surveys and implements performance management in the team.

KEY RESULT AREAS

- Liaises with the Department of Surveyor General and other relevant stakeholders for acquisition of data searches.
- Executes survey field work for cadastral surveys (title survey, non-title lease surveys, beacon relocation surveys, etc).
- Executes survey field work for topographical surveys,
- Executes survey field work for engineering surveys,
- Carries out reductions and computations of observations for the preparation and production of relevant plans and documents.
- Controls and ensures safety and service of equipment in his/her team.
- Recommends budgetary and equipment requirements to the Land Surveyor/Senior
- Implements performance management and supervises subordinates.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- At least 5 "O" Levels including Mathematics, Science and English.
- Passes in A Level Science subjects are an added advantage
- National Diploma in Surveying and Geomatics, or acceptable equivalent from a recognized institution of Higher Learning.
- A Higher National Diploma or degree in Surveying and Geomatics or acceptable equivalent from a recognized institution is an added advantage.
- Membership of any relevant professional body (ZIG, SIZ, ZIE).
- At least two years' experience working in both Cadastral Surveying and Engineering Surveying environment.
- Experience in the use of optical, electronic and GNSS survey equipment.
- Knowledge of Survey Calculations and Computer Aided Design software.
- A clean class 4 (or superior) driver's licence is an added advantage

POSITION : TECHNICIAN/SENIOR TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION (ADVERTISING) (2 POSTS)

GRADE : 9/8

REPORTING TO: TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PLANNER

JOB PURPOSE

Responsible for administering outdoor advertising, parking vehicular requirements and operations, research and development of parking and transportation issues, road and road infrastructure planning and designing.

KEY RESULT AREAS

- Carries out billboard inventories with advertising companies.
- Identify and remove illegal billboards and signage.
- Manages Outdoor advertising.
- Prepares geometric designs for road works.
- Monitors duty performance of Technical Assistants.
- Scrutinizes circulars from other departments and letters from the public to assess any traffic problems that may be involved in proposed projects.
- Assists planner in developing road safety, cycling and pedestrian for compliance.

- Assists planner in preparation of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP).
- Performs any other duties as and when required.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- National Diploma in Town Planning or Civil Engineering
- Computer literacy with demonstrated knowledge of auto CAD and GIS.
- At least 2 years' experience.
- Membership to a relevant Institute.
- Clean Class 4 Driver's licence.

POSITION : ARCHITECTURAL TECHNICIAN (2 POSTS)

GRADE : 9/8

REPORTING TO: CHIEF ARCHITECTURAL TECHNICIAN

JOB PURPOSE

Responsible for assisting Architects and other design professionals in the preparation of technical drawings, models and other visual aids for architectural projects.

KEY RESULT AREAS

- Preparation of technical drawings including floor plans, elevations and sections.
- Creation and editing of architectural documents such as specifications and reports.
- Developing 2D and 3D models of architectural designs.
- Working with architects, engineers and other stakeholders to ensure design intent is accurately represented.
- Training of technicians

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Diploma in Architectural Technology.
- At least 3 years' experience in an architectural or engineering firm.
- Registration with the local built environment professional bodies is an added advantage

POSITION : CLERK OF WORKS (4 Positions)

GRADE : 9

REPORTING TO: SENIOR CLERK OF WORKS

JOB PURPOSE

Responsible for checking that building plans are being correctly followed during construction and inspecting workmanship, quality and safety of workers on construction sites.

KEY RESULT AREAS

- Monitoring construction work for compliance with specifications and workmanship.
- Monitoring proper usage of materials, labour and adherence to the set project timelines.
- Attending technical site meetings, preparation of records and reports on daily site activities.
- Loss control and checking of payment claims.
- Supervision and performance management in adherence to IRBM.
- Ensures Safety and Health of employees and contractors on project sites.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Five 'O' Levels including English, Mathematics or Accounts.
- Trained journeyman Skilled Worker Class 1 in Brickwork/ Carpentry/ Plumbing.
- Higher National Diploma in Construction Technology or Construction Supervision.
- Minimum of 5 years' experience as a Construction Site Agent for varied and substantial projects.
- Clean Class 4 Driver's licence a must.

POSITION : Skilled Worker 1 (Sheet Metal) (2 Positions)

GRADE : 9

REPORTING TO: Foreman-Boiler Maker/ Sheet Metal Worker

JOB PURPOSE

The incumbent shall be responsible for the repairs and maintenance of all mechanical plant and machinery including refuse trucks, trailers and traffic signals cubicles and components.

KEY RESULT AREAS

- Repairing plant and machinery
- Fabricating robot cubicles
- Repairing refuse trucks and trailers.
- Fabricating canopies
- Designing and carrying-out modifications where necessary
- Training and appraising performance of skilled worker Class 2,3 and 4, apprentices, assistants and students.
- Supervising subordinates.
- Ensures safe working environment and practices in line with Factories and Works act

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Apprenticeship trained in Fabrication Engineering with 3 years post qualification experience OR Trade tested Skilled Worker Class 1 in Fabrication Engineering with 5 years post qualification experience.
- A clean Class 4 Driver's Licence

POSITION : Skilled Worker 1 (Diesel Plant Fitter) (5 positions)

GRADE : 9

REPORTING TO: Foreprson-Diesel Plant Fitter

JOB PURPOSE

The incumbent shall be responsible for the servicing, repairing and maintenance of vehicles, earthmoving plant and machinery.

KEY RESULT AREAS

- Diagnosis of faults on machines before repair
- Disassembling and re-assembling of vehicles, earth-moving equipment and machinery
- Repairing power trains, cooling systems and hydraulic systems.
- Training and appraising performance of skilled worker Class 2,3,4, apprentices, assistants and students.
- Supervising and allocating tasks to skilled workers Class 2, 3 and 4, apprentices and attaches.
- Implementation of procedures relating to health and safety in line with Factories and Works act

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Apprenticeship trained in Diesel Plant Fitting with 3 years post qualification experience OR Trade tested Skilled Worker Class 1 in Diesel Plant Fitting with 5 years post qualification experience.
- Clean Class 2 or 4 driver's licence
- Knowledge of Electro-hydraulics is an added advantage



Where is Zimbabwe’s cyanide queen? Li Song, wanted over wildlife poisoning, skips bail



Li Song, who is wanted by authorities in connection with the illegal importation of cyanide that has been used to poison wildlife in Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe

Police are keeping mum about the extradition of Li Song, wanted in connection with the use of poison in the illegal wildlife trade. Zimbabwe’s national police force appears reluctant to pursue Li Song, a Chinese citizen allegedly at the centre of what wildlife activists say is a high-powered poaching network that uses cyanide to kill animals in the country’s game reserves.

Li was arrested in 2024 by the Zimbabwe Anti-Corruption Commission (Zacc) for allegedly importing large quantities of cyanide fraudulently and storing the toxic substance in unsafe locations. But Li skipped bail and is believed to have fled the country to evade prosecution.

According to court records, in August 2024 Harare magistrate Dennis Mangosi issued a warrant for her arrest after Li failed to appear in court. The case involves alleged misrepresentation to the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority over the importation of sodium cyanide, a salt of cyanide that turns into a toxic gas when it interacts with water.

In the wake of her alleged escape, wildlife conservationists are asking hard questions: how did a high-profile foreign citizen, wanted by the courts, manage to skip the country undetected? Why are the police dragging their feet in updating the public on law enforcement efforts? And most damning of all: why have no visible efforts been made to pursue her extradition?

In a telephone interview, National Prosecution Authority of Zimbabwe spokesperson Angeline Munyeriwa said: “The docket for Li is now in the hands of the police. We forwarded the warrant of arrest to the police for action. Our role is to prosecute only.”

Despite concerted efforts to obtain an update on progress made in executing Li’s warrant of arrest, police spokesperson, Commissioner Paul Nyathi, failed to respond to questions about whether she had fled the country, whether the Zimbabwe Republic Police has engaged Interpol or other international agencies about the case, and whether there are broader efforts by law enforcement to track and prevent illegal

importation of hazardous chemicals used in poaching activities.

The inquiries, first submitted on 31 March, were acknowledged by officers in Nyathi’s office, who repeatedly assured that a formal response would be forthcoming, but this was not done by the time of publication. The prolonged silence from the police raised serious concerns among commentators that law enforcement agencies may be deliberately shielding the fugitive Li from facing justice.

Communications manager at Zacc, Simiso Mlevu, also did not respond to questions submitted in late April about the police’s apparent reluctance to pursue the matter. Considering the unit – a constitutional body formally established in 2013 whose functions include investigation, prosecution and punishment of corruption and other criminal conduct – was responsible for Li’s arrest, this reporter sought clarification on whether it has the authority to execute a warrant of arrest independently, and whether it had engaged Interpol or other relevant law enforcement bodies.

Official protection

Li was born on 20 January 1972 in Henan province, central China. She arrived in Zimbabwe in 2003. She is believed to be linked to top government officials who allegedly provide her with protection against the litany of cases she faces in a country ridden with corruption. In its 2024 corruption index survey, Transparency International ranked Zimbabwe 158th out of 180 countries, making it one of the world’s most corrupt countries.

Li reportedly arrived in Zimbabwe under modest circumstances and worked as an official interpreter for a Chinese construction company, China First. The company had numerous contracts in the country.

According to sources who used to be close to her, Li would claim that her father was a high-ranking general in the Chinese army, a powerful connection that she said gave her unusual leverage and access.

A few years later, Li

bought China First after it had gone under the hammer. The interpreter had transformed into a businesswoman acquiring various properties, including upmarket houses in Beijing and Henan.

She is said to have started frequenting Sammy Levy’s Village, an upmarket mall in the capital, Harare, often patronised by socialites, businesspeople and diplomats. She stayed in the same neighbourhood at 82 Piers Road with her son, according to sources.

“Li used to frequent Sammy Levy Village gym and the Golden Peacock Restaurant in Borrowdale where she networked with ease. She would at times be accompanied by government officials and she became a centre of attraction,” said a source privy to her lifestyle who asked not to be named for security reasons. Cyanide case

The 2024 cyanide case involved DGL9 Investments Pvt Ltd, a mining company based in Inyathi in Zimbabwe’s Matabeleland North province. Li is a former director of the company and her co-accused, Bernadette Mukuku, is a former employee.

According to state papers, Li and Mukuku falsely represented to the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority that a consignment of sodium cyanide and hydrated lime they imported from Mauritius was conducted by the company, whereas it was done in their personal capacity. This enabled them to avoid paying customs duty of \$40,000.

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-Daily Maverick

Bulawayo City Council Manager Caught in Scandal

A senior manager at Bulawayo City Council’s Fire and Ambulance Services Department has been suspended amid allegations of siphoning over 20,000 litres of fuel over three years. The scandal has sparked widespread outrage and raised questions about accountability and resource management within the council.

An internal audit revealed large-scale fuel misappropriation, prompting the manager’s suspension and a disciplinary hearing. The outcome seems inevitable, with the audit report expected to be

presented during the next full council meeting.

The Zimbabwe Anti-Corruption Commission (ZACC) is monitoring the situation, awaiting the results of the city’s internal audit before possibly launching its own investigation. ZACC’s involvement could lead to further action, including criminal charges.

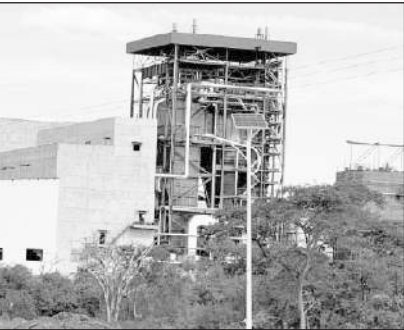
The scandal has significant implications for the city, which is already grappling with fuel shortages and financial constraints. The council’s reputation has taken a hit, and ratepayers are demanding

answers. If found guilty, the suspended manager could face severe consequences, including dismissal and potential prosecution. The council may also need to review its internal controls and procedures to prevent similar incidents in the future.

The scandal highlights the need for transparency and accountability in public institutions. The council must take decisive action to address the issue and restore public trust. Will justice be served, and will the council emerge stronger from this scandal?

-Newsreportzim

Zimbabwe exports nearly 100 tonnes steel in first four months



Manhize steel plant

It may be early days yet, but Zimbabwe has made giant strides towards reclaiming its position as a regional leader in the steel industry, after shipping out nearly 100 tonnes since new manufacturer Dinson Iron and Steel Company (DISCO), which was commissioned mid-last year, started serving external markets. This marks a crucial step in the re-emergence of Zimbabwe’s steel industry, nearly two decades after the closure of the Zimbabwe Iron and Steel Company (ZISCO), which was once a regional powerhouse.

With a US\$1,5 billion investment from Chinese steel giant Tsingshan, the Manhize steel plant near Mvuma is poised to transform Africa’s steel industry. Starting with an initial production goal of 600 000 tonnes of iron per year, the plant will progressively increase its output and is projected to become the continent’s largest steelmaker. According to mineral sales figures released by the Minerals and Marketing Authority of Zimbabwe for the first four months leading up to April this year, the country exported 86 552 tonnes of steel products.

While the figures represent cumulative sales for the review period, DISCO only began its steel shipments recently, since DISCO had not started exporting early this year. Although initial exports have commenced with South Africa, Zimpapers Business Hub understands contracts have already been secured with firms in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Zambia and Mozambique. The shipments to these regional markets are expected to begin shortly, further solidifying Zimbabwe’s re-emergence as a significant steel supplier in southern Africa.

The MMCZ believes that DISCO’s foray into regional markets will lead to enhanced presence in regional markets. “It is still anticipated that there will be improvements in trade receipts as Dinson Iron and Steel seeks to expand into the regional markets,” said MMCZ in a commentary accompanying the sales figures. In an interview with this publication last week, DISCO project manager Mr Wilfred Motsi revealed that the company was beginning to receive some orders from a number of South African firms.

This development is attributed, in part, to the ongoing difficulties within SA’s steel industry, notably at steel giant ArcelorMittal South Africa, which indicated plans to cease operations earlier this year. “We are starting to see orders come in from South Africa. While they are not massive yet, it’s a promising start,” said Mr Motsi.

ArcelorMittal is currently locked in negotiations with the South African Government to prevent the potential closure of its long steel operations, a move that threatens approximately 3 500 direct and indirect jobs. The company cites weak domestic demand, intense competition from local scrap metal recycling mini-mills and a flood of cheaper imports, notably from China, as key factors undermining its viability. Zimbabwe’s iron and steel imports reached US\$256 million last year, with US\$61,7 million recorded in the first quarter of 2025.

Additionally, Mr Motsi noted that an inter-ministerial committee of the Government and various stakeholders had been formed to pinpoint suitable markets for Zimbabwe’s iron and steel products. Economic analysts say exporting into the region is set to have a multi-positive impact on Zimbabwe’s economy. This will lead to significant foreign currency savings through import substitution, as the country will no longer need to spend as much on imported steel products while at the same time increasing foreign currency earnings through exports to regional markets.

Beyond the immediate financial benefits, there will be far-reaching trickle-down effects. It’s expected to spur widespread job creation, not just within DISCO itself but also across the steel-related industries ecosystem. “The downstream industries will play a crucial role in adding value to the pig iron and steel billets produced by DISCO, fostering a more integrated and dynamic value chain within the Zimbabwean economy,” development economist Mr Knox Mushava told this publication in an interview.

Experts consistently highlight steel’s indispensable role due to its unique properties: its strength, durability, and versatility make it the backbone of critical infrastructure like buildings, bridges, and railways. It’s also an essential component in the fabrication of heavy machinery and vehicles, to household appliances and advanced technological components.

DISCO’s supply of steel billets and pig iron is now providing local steel product producers with significantly improved raw materials for their manufacturing processes. Before DISCO’s entry, the industry largely relied on recycled steel, with other needs being met through imports. -Herald

Chamisa: ZANUPF’s Greatest Asset Since Tsvangirai’s Death



Nelson Chamisa

Let’s be blunt – Nelson Chamisa is ZANUPF’s biggest political blessing since the demise of Morgan Tsvangirai on Valentine’s Day of 2018. And unlike Tsvangirai, who posed a genuine challenge, Chamisa is the kind of opposition figure ruling parties across the world can only dream of. Whether you view him as a confused amateur or a well-packaged pawn planted to fail – the outcome remains the same: ZANUPF stays in power, focused, steady, and unbothered.

By Dereck Goto
We couldn’t have written a better script ourselves.

Chamisa burst onto the political scene with noise and hashtags, promising “new” politics. What followed, however, was a spectacular collapse of anything resembling real leadership. Instead of building a structured, credible political outfit, he insisted on a “structureless” movement – no constitution, no congress, no elected leadership. Just him, God, and vibes. The result? Chaos. It took one Sengezo Tshabangu – not even from the ruling party – to completely dismantle Chamisa’s CCC from within, using legal channels, not rallies, not door-to-door campaigns, not even persuasion. All it took was a little paperwork and Chamisa’s own empty cupboard of documentation. The High Court did not even need to strain itself – the facts were there: CCC was built on sand.

Now, only someone trying very hard not to see it would miss what’s going on here. How does a supposedly serious opposition leader fail so comprehensively, repeatedly, and conveniently – every single time ZANUPF is gaining momentum and public confidence? There’s a growing belief, and rightly so, that Chamisa is not just incompetent – he’s

compromised. Paid. Sponsored. Propped up as a safety valve for restless urban voters to shout into, while ZANUPF governs the country in peace.

Look at the evidence. He’s never questioned like others. He moves freely while real firebrands like Job Sikhala, Jacob Ngarivhume and Hopewell Chin’ono account for their misbehaviour in jail. He avoids confrontation with real power. And every election cycle, he somehow manages to divide the opposition, boycott where he should fight, and fold when he should stand. Every. Single. Time. Surely this is by design.

What true opposition leader loses his own party to an unknown secretary-general and simply walks away without a fight? What politician, unless they’re working to neutralise opposition energy by design, surrenders without even trying to rally legal (remember the opposition is fronted almost exclusively by lawyers) or grassroots resistance?

Chamisa’s apologists will say he’s strategic. No. He’s either a fraud, or the most conveniently foolish politician in Africa. Take your pick. Either way, ZANUPF wins.

Then there’s his personality – arguably his most fatal flaw. Unlike money, which Chamisa can one day choose to refuse as it comes from those compromising him within ZANUPF, his personality is fixed. He was born and bred with it. He behaves like a god-ordained messiah, not a team player. The great minds that once stood beside him – Tendai Biti, Welshman Ncube, Job Sikhala – all fell out with him not because of policy, but because he cannot stand to share the spotlight. He sees competition as betrayal and intellect as a threat. That’s why he surrounds himself with yes-men and praise-singers, and never holds internal elections. Democracy in his

camp is a sermon, not a practice. Which works perfectly... for ZANUPF.

As long as Chamisa is at the helm, the opposition will remain weak, fragmented, and amateurish. He is an expert at taking momentum and turning it into nothing. While our President, Cde E.D. Mnangagwa, drives development through road rehabilitation, industrial growth, re-engagement diplomacy, and Vision 2030, Chamisa is still shouting about “God is in it” without a plan, a structure, or a viable alternative policy.

Let’s be honest: the reason ZANUPF remains unshaken is because the opposition’s biggest voice is also its weakest link.

This is why, to many within the ruling party, Chamisa is not feared. He is cherished. The opposition rallies around a man who thinks elections are won on X (formerly Twitter), not in the polling booth. A man who confuses messianic speeches for policy positions. A man who collapses his own party, walks away, then blames the courts.

We could not have crafted a more convenient opponent.

Tsvangirai, for all his flaws, was a fighter. He had structure, strategy, and guts. Chamisa has hashtags, staged prayers, and courtroom surrender. So yes – we thank the Lord for this divine intervention. Chamisa is, quite frankly, the opposition’s worst nightmare and ZANUPF’s greatest gift.

And while he continues fumbling, we’ll continue building. Brick by brick. Road by road. Project by project. Let Chamisa keep campaigning from pulpits and group chats.

ZANUPF will continue running the country. Ndiyo nzira yatakasarudza, Mwari vachitendera.

-Thezimbabwemail

Mashonaland West province exceeds maize production target

MASHONALAND West Province has surpassed its maize targets of 360 000 hectares, with the province now on the peak of harvesting as the winter wheat season gets underway. Despite being a short summer cropping season, the province recorded increased maize targets in both production and yields. Giving an update on the side-lines of a field day held at Mupfumira Farm in Magunje this Friday, Mashonaland West Provincial Director in the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Water, Fisheries and Rural Development, Mrs Madlinah Magwenzi said the province had managed to harvest 384 000 hectares from the original target of 360 000 hectares.

“We had 360 000 hectares as a target but managed to surpass it to 384 000. We are also excited to highlight that in terms of yield, last season we had 0.9 tonnes per hectare and this season we have 1.5 tonnes per hectare. Last season we had about 250 metric tonnes in terms of production and this season we are at 356 metric tonnes.”

Host farmer, Mr Armstrong Mupfumira who is earmarking 11 tonnes per hectare from his 20-hectare piece of land spoke on the importance of adhering to good agricultural practices. “We had a rough season since we received the rains a bit late. However, we ensured that we chose the



right seed variety and worked closely with our agricultural extension officers who always guided us accordingly. We had 20 hectares and we are expecting an average of 11 tonnes per hectare. It is also imperative that we exercise crop rotation, the right selection of chemicals and good agricultural practices.”

Meanwhile, a call was extended to farmers to utilise certified hybrid seed varieties which are

more resilient to drought and disease in the wake of climate change-induced weather patterns.

The uptake of climate-proof farming methods such as conservation agriculture (Pfumvudza/Intwasa), use of drought-tolerant hybrid seeds, and expanded irrigation schemes are some of the initiatives introduced to ensure the country is food secure at the household level.

-Zbcnews

Zimbabwe’s late pro-democracy icon Tsvangirai was ‘regrettably’ first to use notorious recall clause



Zimbabwe’s opposition icon late Morgan Tsvangirai

ALTHOUGH his battle for democracy is etched in the country’s history, Zimbabwe’s opposition icon late Morgan Tsvangirai was regrettably the first politician to recall a fellow elected party official using a ‘notorious’ clause within the Constitution. The then Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) leader on November 22, 2022 expelled Munyaradzi Gwisai, then MDC MP for Highfields, from the party. This was after the MDC national executive found him guilty of contravening the party’s Constitution.

Interestingly, late former Zanu PF president Robert Mugabe in 1989 introduced the infamous recall clause to deal with internecine strife within the ruling party. Fast-forward to 35 years later, the opposition Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) led by Nelson Chamisa suffered decimation after self-styled interim secretary-general Sengezo Tshabangu removed scores of legislators and councillors riding on the notorious clause.

The Zimbabwe Elections Support Network (ZESN) in its latest position paper titled, “Recalls, Subsequent By-Elections, Lessons Learnt And Insights Into Democratic Processes In Zimbabwe” describes the recall clause as unprogressive.

“Recalls have had a negative impact on Zimbabwe’s electoral democratic processes and have led to the fragmentation rather than the intended consolidation and stability of political parties,” ZESN said.

“From its genealogy, the recall clause was introduced through the 1989 constitutional amendment to deal with internal Zanu PF politics. The then leader of Zanu PF, Robert Gabriel Mugabe faced political competition from his party’s secretary general, Edgar Zivanai Tekere.

“Tekere was critical of Mugabe’s political plan to establish a one-party State. Consequently, Zanu PF expelled Tekere from the party in October 1988. “Mugabe took the post as secretary general. However, Tekere retained his seat in

Parliament much to the chagrin of Mugabe. This is because there was no legal provision to institute a recall. “This triggered a constitutional amendment process to enact the recall clause at the behest of Mugabe. However, the recall was not eventually used on Tekere who formed a new party, the Zimbabwe Unity Movement (ZUM) and contested against Mugabe in the 1990 presidential election,” reads the dossier.

“Paradoxically, the first party to use it was the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) under the leadership of Morgan Richard Tsvangirai to deal with internal party frictions. “As enshrined in its Constitution, the MDC was founded as a social democratic party which believed in ‘an open democracy where national leadership should be accountable to the people through the devolution of power and decision-making to the provinces and local institutions and structures.’

“Munyaradzi Gwisai the then MDC MP for Highfields, was expelled from the party on 22 November 2002. The MDC national executive found Gwisai guilty of contravening the party’s constitution.” However, Gwisai alleged that he was expelled over ideological differences as he preferred a radical socialist mode of governance. He became the first MP in post-colonial Zimbabwe to lose his seat after his party expelled him and notified the then Speaker Emmerson Mnangagwa, who declared the constituency vacant on December 3, 2002.

Thereafter, ZESN said, Welshman Ncube, who led an MDC splinter faction recalled MPs for working with the rival opposition MDC T party led by Tsvangirai in 2012. Regrettably, Zimbabwe lost an opportunity to repeal the recall clause to strengthen representatives’ accountability toward citizens during the 2013 Constitution-making process. A party-driven recall process was retained.

“This was not surprising because the Constitution-making process was led by politicians from dominant political parties in Parliament. For the opposition MDC, the retention was meant to largely contain excesses of a

competitive authoritarian State by precluding the real possibilities of solicited and opportunistic defections by elected officials.”

Following the controversial August 23-24, 2023 Zimbabwe has been in a recall crusade fronted by Tshabangu.

“Tshabangu’s actions were partly a result of simmering internal contradictions within the opposition but were quickly hijacked by Zanu PF and State elites in order to decimate and emasculate the popular opposition front, led by Chamisa.

“Tshabangu, a self-appointed secretary general of the CCC wrote a letter to the Speaker of Parliament, President of Senate and Minister of Local Government recalling 14 CCC members of the National Assembly (9 directly constituency MPs 5 women’s quota MPs and 1 youth quota MP), nine senators and 17 councillors from their positions arguing that they had ceased to be members of the CCC on October 3, 2023.

“As a result of Section 129 (1) (k) of the Constitution that bestows power on political parties, the seats were declared vacant and Mnangagwa proclaimed December 9, 2023, as the day for by-elections.

“The CCC then led by Chamisa challenged the recalls in court and lost. The CCC argued that Tshabangu was not a member of their political party but rather an impostor with no right or authority to recall anyone hence the recalls were illegal, null and void and of no force and effect.

“However, the court effectively accepted the recall letter despite the improbability that party members who had been elected on a party ticket just two months previously, some of whom had only just been sworn in, would have ceased to belong to the party,” further reads the position paper.

Further to this, on December 7, 2023, the High Court in Harare, granted Tshabangu an order to expunge the names of recalled MPs from the ballot paper for the by-elections. Zimbabwe was left with a ‘choice-less election’ without the participation of the main opposition party led by Chamisa.>>page13

Biti Running Away From Responsibility, Says Jonathan Moyo



Tendai Biti

Self-exiled former ZANU PF Politburo member Jonathan Moyo has accused former Finance Minister Tendai Biti of cowardice following the latter’s announcement that he was taking a sabbatical from politics. Moyo said opposition leaders in Zimbabwe tend to run away from responsibility.

This comes after the former CCC leader Nelson Chamisa quit the party in January this year, alleging infiltration by ZANU PF, followed by Fadzayi Mahere and Allan Markham who resigned from Parliament a few days later.

Posting on Twitter, Moyo said Biti is just like Chamisa, Mahere and Markham who “bolted out” and ran away from responsibility.

He said: Tendai Biti is cut from the same cloth.

Only some 60 or so days after he boldly declared that he was CCC Vice President elected by that party’s congress and that he was “going nowhere”, now he says he is actually going somewhere after all; by taking “time out”; taking a “sabbatical” to go to Washington DC, of all places.

And he’s saying this at a time when he’s in fact due to take over – something he accepted to do when he knew at that time that he was due to go to the US by this fall – as CCC acting president under the ‘rotational’ arrangement they agreed to as the ‘leadership collective’ under the ‘Gweru Resolutions’.

Effectively, like Chamisa, Mahere and Markham, Biti is bolting out. He is running away from leadership responsibility. This makes sense of their mantra that they ‘need new leaders’!

Biti recently announced that he is temporarily stepping away from politics, despite earlier reports indicating that he was expected to assume the role of CCC president in rotation with the current leader, Welshman Ncube and Lynette Karenzi Kore.

Speaking on HSTV’s #FreeTalk show, Biti said he had withdrawn from politics to focus on other spaces but will remain driven to attain democratic change in Zimbabwe.

-Pindula News

Sikhala Is A Sellout: Tshabangu



Job Sikhala

In a heated exchange of accusations, the interim Secretary General of the Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC), Senator Sengezo Tshabangu, has accused Job Sikhala of betraying Zimbabwe by aligning with foreign adversaries. The controversy arose following Sikhala’s remarks at the Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy earlier this week, where he condemned Emmerson Mnangagwa’s administration for tormenting citizens.

Sikhala, a prominent opposition figure, took the international stage to criticize the Zimbabwean government, highlighting what he described as systemic oppression and human rights abuses. His speech resonated with many human rights advocates, but it drew sharp criticism from within his own political sphere.

In a scathing response, Tshabangu lambasted Sikhala for his comments, suggesting that his actions were counterproductive to the country’s progress. “I beg to differ with Sikhala,” Tshabangu stated emphatically. “Instead of teaming up with fellow Zimbabweans in the fight for a better Zimbabwe, he finds comfort in the wings of Zimbabwe’s enemies. This isn’t good politics; lies have short legs.”

Tshabangu’s remarks underscore a significant rift within the opposition, highlighting a fundamental disagreement on the approach to political activism and engagement with international bodies.

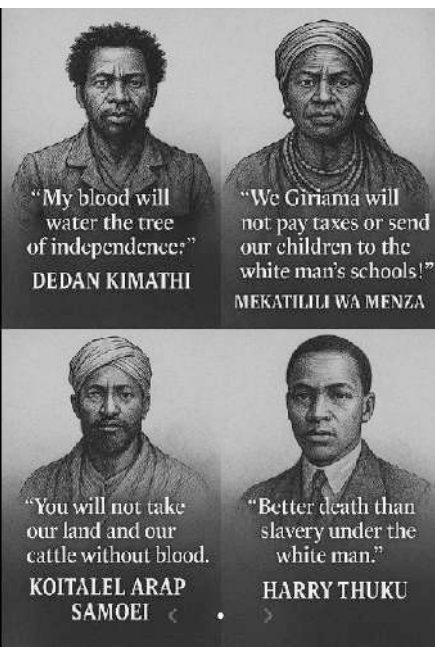
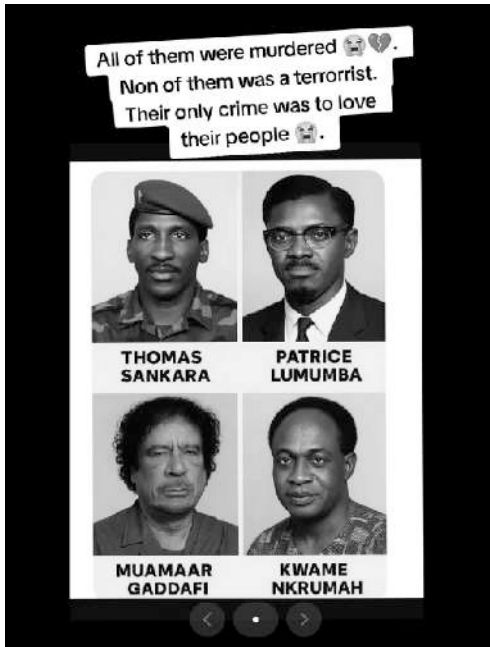
He stressed the importance of unity and a patriotic approach to politics, suggesting that aligning with external forces undermines national integrity. “I still stand

with the notion of patriotism and nationalistic politics,” Tshabangu declared, reaffirming his commitment to a more inward-focused strategy.

This clash between Sikhala and Tshabangu reflects broader tensions within Zimbabwe’s opposition movement, as leaders grapple with the best methods to challenge the ruling party and advocate for democratic reforms.

While Sikhala’s international outreach aims to garner global support and attention, Tshabangu’s critique suggests a preference for domestic solidarity and collective action among Zimbabweans.

The debate over how to effectively push for change in Zimbabwe continues to be a contentious issue, with significant implications for the country’s political landscape. -Zimeye



Blame game in Senate: Mutsvangwa points finger at councils for healthcare woes



Zanu-PF spokesperson Christopher Mutsvangwa

HARARE – A heated debate erupted in the Zimbabwean Senate on Tuesday as Zanu-PF spokesperson Christopher Mutsvangwa squarely laid the blame for the nation’s deteriorating healthcare system at the feet of opposition-led urban local authorities, sparking a political blame game over who is responsible for the country’s ailing hospitals and medical services.

During a Senate debate on the recapitalisation of public healthcare institutions, Mutsvangwa had sensationally attributed a significant portion of the country’s healthcare crisis to their alleged failures.

Mutsvangwa argued that the deterioration of Zimbabwe’s health sector could not be divorced from the prevailing economic circumstances, including the impact of sanctions. He stated that local governments, particularly those in urban areas, bear a shared responsibility with the Central Government for healthcare provision. In his submissions, Mutsvangwa admitted that the state of health in Zimbabwe has deteriorated. “What I want to add is that if we can all pool our energies together, we can restore the health system of Zimbabwe,” Mutsvangwa stated.

“The finger-pointing which is being done here in this House shows woeful ignorance about how the system of Government works in this country. “There are hospitals which are the responsibility of the Central Government but the biggest employer normally, is in urban areas in a concentrated manner. It is a fact that for the past two decades, urban areas have been run by the opposition in Zimbabwe.

“They have as much responsibility to provide medical services to the Central Government as anybody else. “If you finger point only at the Minister of Health, where are your mayors and councillors? These are the people that provide local healthcare at that level.

“These people who are lamenting the state of our affairs today, if they have any integrity, would own up to say they have been responsible for the local governance of this country for two decades in urban areas and they have not shown by example why

they should deserve to attack the Central Government about the sorry state of our health affairs. Local governments run hospitals all over the world.” He specifically highlighted hospitals like Wilkins, which are managed by Zimbabwean municipalities, suggesting they should have been supported by a “vibrant urban population which is productive.”

Mutsvangwa implied that the failure of these local authorities to attract investment into urban areas has directly impacted their ability to generate resources for essential services, including health. Contributing to the debate, senator Maxwell Mdhuri acknowledged the stark reality in hospitals saying: “Things are not well. Things are not rosy in our hospitals.”

He highlighted a recent incident where a Youth Empowerment Minister, Tinoda Machakaire, upon visiting Parirenyatwa Hospital, was shocked by the non-functioning equipment and even requested the President to personally witness the dire conditions. Mdhuri stated the non-partisan nature of the healthcare crisis, urging all members of the Senate to collaborate on solutions. He recalled how his grandmother, severely injured by a landmine in the late 1970s, received effective treatment at St. Peters and Mpilo Hospital. He lamented her recent death from cholera, a condition that could have been treated with a simple drip, but which she reportedly failed to receive at a major hospital.

Mdhuri further questioned why Zimbabwe, with its strong ties to China, was not leveraging that relationship to secure more medical supplies and expertise. He also cited recent tragic events, including the death of a karate player after a road accident and public sentiment suggesting certain hospitals are “places where one goes to die,” as evidence of the system’s failure.

“The issue of the hospitals does not matter what political affiliation or background you have. We need to just use the naked eye or see our vision in the future. What will be our future if things remain in this state? >>>P10

COMMENT: EU-Zimbabwe Business Forum poised to reshape trade and investment dynamics

ZIMBABWE has recorded many positives since it embarked on the engagement and re-engagement initiative that seeks to either establish bilateral relations or amend broken relations with all nations of the world guided by the mantra, “Friend to all and enemy to none”.

President Mnangagwa who is leading the initiative, has taken advantage of international platforms such as the United Nations meetings to engage world leaders and tell the correct story about Zimbabwe. These engagements have helped to correct the falsehoods and misleading narratives about Zimbabwe. This has resulted in improved relations with many countries across the globe that now want to either do business with Zimbabwe or invest in the country taking advantage of our rich natural resources such as minerals.

Only this week, Zimbabwe and the European Union (EU) marked a historic milestone with the launch of the inaugural EU-Zimbabwe Business Forum in Harare, an event poised to reshape trade and investment dynamics between Zimbabwe and EU countries. The three-day business



forum, themed “Unlocking Trade and Investment under the Global Gateway Initiative,” attracted over 300 participants including business executives, investors, policymakers and entrepreneurs from across Zimbabwe and 12 EU Member States.

EU Ambassador to Zimbabwe Jobst von Kirchmann described the forum as the product of an ambitious vision conceived just one year ago. “When we looked at the positive development of trade and investment with the EU over the last years, we felt that the time was ripe to bring EU companies to Zimbabwe,” he said.

Trade between Zimbabwe and the EU has increased by 30 percent in the past three

years, reaching US\$880 million while EU foreign direct investment has nearly doubled to US\$870 million driven largely by the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).

The forum, jointly organised by the EU Delegation to Zimbabwe, the Zimbabwe Investment and Development Agency (Zida), ZimTrade and the Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries (CZI) was focused on unlocking further commercial opportunities in key sectors including horticulture, agriculture and agro-processing, renewable energy and mining value chains. Cross-cutting enablers such as logistics, financial services and vocational skills development were also discussed. More than 600 companies applied to participate but only 300 were confirmed due to space limitations.

The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) has assured the EU investors that they will enjoy ease of repatriating business profits, dividends and disinvestment. Zimbabweans should take advantage of these positive developments to grow the economy and improve their livelihoods.

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The Ideological Void of our Political Opposition Party: A Call for Progressive Politics in Zimbabwe



Nelson Chamisa

As Zimbabwe navigates its tumultuous political landscape, the role of the opposition, particularly under the leadership of Nelson Chamisa, raises critical questions about the future of governance in the country. Chamisa's tenure has been marked by a glaring absence of a coherent ideological framework, leaving many to wonder: what is the vision for a Zimbabwe liberated from its colonial past?

Currently, Zimbabwe is largely defined by the structures of Zanu PF, a party that has embodied the principles of socialism under the banner of Gwara regutsa ruzhinji—a path that nourishes the masses. Zanu PF's approach seeks to address the needs of all Zimbabweans, channeling resources toward social welfare and economic upliftment. In contrast, the opposition seems to lack an understanding of this ideological orientation, often resorting to opportunistic politics that prioritize funding and electoral gains over genuine concern for the populace.

One glaring issue is the opposition's pattern of behavior post-election. Following their electoral losses, Chamisa and his party frequently retreat into silence, raising doubts about their commitment to the people. This silence speaks volumes about a party more concerned with securing foreign funding than with the welfare of Zimbabweans. If Chamisa's leadership were genuinely about serving the people, one would expect a robust platform of advocacy and critique of government policies, even in opposition. Instead, they seem content to bide their time, waiting for the next electoral cycle, rather than engaging in meaningful political discourse.

Moreover, the opposition's ideological approach often appears steeped in a colonial mindset, perpetuating outdated beliefs that undermine the potential of Zimbabweans to govern themselves effectively. This mentality not only alienates the very constituents they claim to represent but also perpetuates a narrative that undermines black agency. By failing to embrace the realities of contemporary Zimbabwe, the opposition risks becoming a tool of neocolonial interests rather than a genuine force for change.

Zimbabweans must recognize the importance of aligning with a party that not only understands the historical context of the nation but also articulates a clear vision for its future. It is imperative to support leadership that prioritizes the sovereignty of the nation and is committed to building a society that values its citizens. The struggle for a better Zimbabwe cannot be left in the hands of those who view politics as a mere game of power and funding.

In light of this, it is crucial to underscore that under the visionary leadership of His Excellency President Emmerson Mnangagwa, Vision 2030 is achievable. Despite attempts by the opposition to engage in outdated tactics, such as staging human rights violations and seeking

undue international intervention, the commitment to progress remains steadfast.

In conclusion, Nelson Chamisa's leadership exemplifies the dangers of an opposition that lacks ideological clarity. Zimbabweans are urged to reevaluate their political affiliations and support a party that embodies a vision for true independence—one that is rooted in the principles of socialism and the empowerment of the masses. The future of Zimbabwe depends on a collective commitment to governance that represents all its people, free from the shackles of colonial ideologies. Only then can the nation forge a path toward genuine progress and unity.

-Mash West Varakashi 4ED

Nyokayemabhunu will not survive!

About Nyokayemabhunu, it has become clear that he was sent by big people in politics to do the dirty work for them outside Zimbabwe. South Africa is a political haven for Zimbabweans; still has a modicum of democratic principles: a political asylum is granted to individuals who are prosecuted in

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their countries. We thank God for that. The story goes; Nyokayemabhunu is a longer arm of disgruntled Zanu Ministers and Members of Parliament who desperately want to see Mnangagwa removed from power. What confused the masses are disparaging messages coming from Geza and

Nyokayemabhunu; the people thought the voices were coordinated by political rivals; Chiwenga and Mnangagwa.

Both giants teased the nation to think they were falling apart, and that Geza was under the armpits of Chiwenga hiding in one of the best barracks in Zimbabwe: (G 6?) The current political and economic situation in the country is such that these dissenting voices were a breath of fresh air: the people welcomed these voices that gave them fresh hope: a change of government was imminent. Halleluiah!

Almost at the same time was the open secret feuds between Mnangagwa and Chiwenga, so obvious to the ordinary people. Rumor spread: Mnangagwa does not want to concede power to Chiwenga. General Chiwenga would be caught on camera with a furious Idi Amini face that never escaped anyone that there are indeed tensions between them. Rumor spread that there was a gentlemen's agreement between them about power-sharing: Mnangagwa would give Chiwenga after one or two terms. Suddenly things have changed on the ground: It is no longer 2028 but 2031, Mnangagwa will still be in power.

That obvious betrayal of Chiwenga by Mnangagwa played into the hands of the population at large. Most of the people aligned themselves with the genocidist Chiwenga and they saw in him a better devil than President Mnangagwa. Referees changed goal posts spectacularly from Chiwenga to Mnangagwa, and to Chamisa together with Chiwenga, and vice versa. Mvengemvenge chiyiyo.

Honestly, I doubt if my sympathy is about both these criminals: Mnangagwa and his Vice President. I am deeply concerned about Nyokayemabhunu. Is he going to survive, are they going to extradite him to Zimbabwe? His court cases

have no financial backing, if the social media is to be believed, lawyers' charges are not covered yet, they say. Nyokayemabhunu has been left to dry by the people who sent him to South Africa to be the voice of change for them.

Again, social media says: there is great anxiety among Zanu politicians at home; the fear of being exposed in the event Nyokayemabhunu is extradited to Zimbabwe. Any mother fears this: we know what will happen to him. Our Itai Dzamara perished: was beaten to near death, one of them had to finish him off, when they realized he was badly beaten, he was not going to survive. This is the Zanu way of dealing with adversaries: They say Mnangagwa does not forget. How are we going to cope with the loss of Nyokayemabhunu, again after Itai Dzamara?

It is not the time to give blame to Nyokayemabhunu, a son who is in custody in South Africa. The big thugs in politics gave him the task realizing his ability and capabilities: a talented young man no doubt about it. Geza has never mentioned



Nyokayemabhunu by name, this shook me: Nyokayemabhunu continued to give impressions he was in the Geza revolution.

Scenarios were constructed: Geza and Nyokayemabhunu gave a date the demonstrations that was to be coded M31 Geza revolution: Chiwenga was then to assume presidency and Geza as VP. But because the situation was so fluid, another scenario appeared once more. Chamisa was seen going to the barracks presumably where Geza is, for a meeting with him. An arrangement was crafted: Chiwenga was to be ceremonial President and Chamisa, the Prime Minister.

The former was crafted when two demonstrations had dismally failed. No plausible reason is given why people did not go with the movement that promised change for the better, but only speculations why the demonstrations failed.

Geza, from the onset, was not realistic with the people. Geza has no idea about the situation on the ground: when asked by Blessed Mhlanga, why now after 45 years of silence.>>P11

Blame game in Senate: Mutsvangwa points finger at councils for healthcare woes

>>P9 “Therefore, for us to resolve the issues of hospitals, we need all Hon. Members of this august House to put our heads together,” Senator Mdhluri stated. “This is a senior chamber, so when we have spoken, everyone should listen. We must have constructive criticism. Constructive criticism will help us build our country. We are all here in this country because we love it.

“Some people have left the country but we have remained in this country because we love it. “Let me take you back, Madam President. In 1977 or 1978 my maternal grandmother hit a landmine with an ox-drawn scotch cart. She had limbs that were severed. There is a referral hospital called St.Peters where she was taken to in that condition. “She was assisted, she was treated. Despite the injuries that she had received, she was further referred to Mpilo Hospital where she was treated and she got well. Despite the fact that she had lost her legs and had injuries she was

treated and she responded to the treatment.

“I am saying so because at that time, our hospitals had adequate equipment and drugs and would attend to anyone who fell ill. “I feel hurt or pained because my grandmother died a few years ago because of cholera. Cholera requires just a drip as medication. “Once the drip has been administered, one will live but she died because she failed to get the drip at such a big hospital, that is the current state in our hospitals.” Senator Sesel Zvidzai mentioned the Senate’s consistent focus on health issues, citing numerous previous motions on various diseases.

He advocated for visits to provincial hospitals across the country to “create a map in our minds of the state of dilapidation of our health institutions.”

Zvidzai particularly stressed the critical need for NATPHARM to deliver essential medicines to remote rural areas, where health centers are often entirely lacking. -Nehandaradio

ZANU PF MPs Defend Belarus Investment Pact As “Fair And Mutually Beneficial”

ZANU PF Members of Parliament are keen to push through a new agreement aimed at “protecting and securing” Belarusian investments in Zimbabwe, which is currently being debated in Parliament. Although President Emmerson Mnangagwa signed the deal back in 2023, it still needs Parliament’s official approval before it can come into force. The motion was brought forward by Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Sheila Chikomo, who said the agreement, formally known as the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments, aims to create fair and favourable conditions for both countries. She said the deal will encourage more investment by

boosting cooperation between private businesses in Zimbabwe and Belarus, ultimately helping both economies make better use of resources. However, opposition MPs from the CCC argued that the agreement is skewed in favour of Belarus and not in Zimbabwe’s best interest. Still, ZANU PF MPs stood their ground. Nyanga South MP Supa Mandiwanzira described the agreement as a “win-win,” saying it’s important to have such arrangements in place to protect investors from both sides. He said: This agreement protects Belarusians who are investing in our country. It also protects Zimbabweans who are going to invest in Belarus. The reason I just



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demonstrated this conversation (with potential investors), yesterday is to show that trade is not a one-way. In fact, what we should be doing as

Honourable members is to acknowledge the good job that the Ministry Foreign Affairs and International Trade is doing to create these platforms for business people to go and engage with other countries. Therefore, we should go to constituencies and begin to say, by the way, are you aware that Belarus has a population of just under 10 million people. Their GDP is over US\$70bn. Are you aware that they export US\$2bn worth of fertilisers every year? Could we in our constituencies or provinces benefit from that from Belarus? That is what we should be doing as Members of Parliament. >>>**P12**

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Geza’s answer sold him off as a genuine leader and messenger of change. He wanted many cars around him. He wanted a big security detail around him to feel good and important. Here is a veteran of 80 years dreaming like a ten-year-old schoolboy. It is not glass clear too, with who did Geza align himself with in the army: which general is with Geza? He insisted on wearing an army uniform to impress his authority, a false authority. Chiwenga remained mum without a hint even in his body language that he was with Geza or for Geza Revolution. On the 18th of April, Independence Day celebrations were done with flair and pomp as usual, Chiwenga lighting the torch of independence in Gweru, kickstarting the celebrations. Two days ago, Geza gave his daily announcement: he asked General Chiwenga to remove the monster. This shook his followers who have been convinced about his revolution the past six months. One, it became clear to all that Chiwenga has nothing to do with Geza. Two, where is Geza hibernating, in Zimbabwe or South Africa. Did Geza not tell the people that he was going to lead from the front. Why is he hiding if he wants to bring about genuine change? All the strategies that Geza implemented were never successful. He finds it very difficult to face people and tells them he has dismally failed. If I was asked to comment on the Geza revolution, I would say it was good it was a big flop: for many reasons: Geza has no leadership caliber to bring change we want. Geza is a criminal who must answer many

criminal acts he committed during the war and after the war. On his own account, Geza murdered opposition MDC members. He is accused of rape of a 12-year-old girl-child; he invaded a hotel from a white citizen, and farms, and stock theft. Are these people who have aligned with Geza revolution comfortable with Geza’s criminal acts? Are we sure we wanted Geza to be part of the future leadership of this country? There isn’t much a difference between Mnangagwa and Geza. What part did Blessed Geza take during the Gukurahundi atrocities of 1983? Why are his confessions partial and not complete? He should have been contrite about women and girls he raped during the liberation. If Geza is saying, it is not important to him if he raped women and girls, after all they were women, he debased. He confessed crimes he committed to men only. Our prayers as women must go to Nyokayemabhunu. I am deeply concerned about his life and his future. Is he going to be sent to notorious prisons? Mnangagwa said his prisons are not full, - that tell a lot about our Führer! Please God have mercy on Nyokayemabhunu. The people who sold him are eating and partying high in Zimbabwe. I wonder why our sons and daughters fall for pieces of silver with corrupt politicians like our own. Those who betrayed him don’t lose sleep that Nyokayemabhunu is in prison; what they fear is the exposure only, the fear Nyokayemabhunu will tell it all in courts; in Johannesburg and in Zimbabwe. -Bulawayo24



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The City Parking Board, Management and the entire staff would like to extend the warmest congratulations to His Excellency, Dr. E.D Mnangagwa on his new appointment as the Chairperson of the SADC. May your tenure be filled with wisdom, dedication and hard work.

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ZANU PF MPs Defend Belarus Investment Pact As “Fair And Mutually Beneficial”

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Dzivarasekwa MP Edwin Mushoriwa (CCC) criticised the Belarus investment deal, calling it one-sided and questioning why it had taken so long, since 2023, for Parliament to look into it. He said the delay felt suspicious and argued that Zimbabwe was being handed a half-baked agreement, especially since no one had explained the actual trade relationship between the two countries. In his view, the deal was simply bad for Zimbabwe. But Brian Mudumi, the ZANU PF MP for Masvingo North, hit back, saying Mushoriwa’s claims were not based on facts. Said Mudumi:
Mushoriwa is either lying or he is lost. His debate is not based on factual information but based on opinions. I pledge to share the report with him so that he can come up with factual information. There is nothing like US\$23 trade imbalance between the two countries. Trade between Zimbabwe and Belarus has been steadily growing, with both countries looking to strengthen ties, especially in key areas like agriculture, mining, manufacturing, and tourism.
On the farming front, Belarus has been a big player. Since 2019, it’s supplied Zimbabwe with over 2,000 high-tech tractors, 80 combine harvesters, and loads of other agricultural machinery to help boost local production. In return, Zimbabwe is tapping into its natural edge by exporting organic superfoods like avocados, blueberries, and baobab, which are gaining serious popularity on the global market.
In mining and machinery, Belarus sends over things like haul trucks, public transport vehicles, and more heavy-duty industrial gear. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe ships back tobacco, cotton, leather products, and fresh produce. -Pindula

EMA issues warning on invasive species



THE Environmental Management Authority (EMA) has advised the nation to be wary of Invasive Alien Species (IAS), which can cause significant decline in crop, fish production and biodiversity loss. IAS are non-native organisms that, when introduced to a new habitat, can out-compete indigenous species for resources, disrupt ecological balances and exert negative impacts on the environment, economy and human health. The invasive species are plants, animals, pathogens and other organisms that are non-native to an ecosystem. These species can also be aquatic or terrestrial.
In a recent notice, EMA said the environmental consequences of IAS in the country were profound. “Many IAS reduce crop yields by competing for nutrients and water with the spread of these, leading to increased reliance on pesticides and herbicides, posing health risks to farmers and consumers alike,” said EMA.
The authority said managing the spread of IAS and mitigating their impacts placed a heavy burden on agriculture and conservation efforts, diverting resources from other critical areas. According to convention on biological diversity, invasive species often thrive in their new environment as they are free from their natural predators.
Invasive species can spread rapidly, inflicting long-lasting damage on native ecosystems. The Environmental Management Act (CAP 20:27) defines IAS as exotic plants which have become naturalised and threaten the existence of indigenous species by penetrating and replacing indigenous vegetation. EMA revealed that a number of IAS came into the country as ornamental plants from other countries and once introduced, some of these escaped their enclosure or cultivation and become established as

viable populations. Accidental introduction can also be from contaminated freight or movement of contaminated wood. The most common IAS in Zimbabwe are lantana camara, water hyacinth and opuntia fulgida. “Other plant species, including the vernonathura polyanthes commonly known as Bee bush or Mupesepesewhich have invaded the Eastern Highlands and other animal species are undergoing the due process of being declared as such through relevant legislation amendments,” said EMA.
EMA said effective management practices and key strategies being employed in Zimbabwe to combat spread of IAS included monitoring and research, public awareness campaign, integrated management approaches and international collaborations.
Plant Quarantine Services Institute (PQSI) is spearheading the control of the country’s borders and airports from the threat of IAS by monitoring and inspecting plant materials to ensure compliance with regulations as well as conducting risk assessments to identify potential bio-security risks.
PQSI head, Mrs Louisa Makumbe said they were educating stakeholders on bio-security best practices and enforce regulations to act against smuggling and non-compliance.
“As humans, we are attracted to plants as we travel around the globe. Traders tend to get attracted to fruits, plants and flowers but if they do not import them safely, they bring pests and diseases. As Plant Quarantine Services Institute we are in conflict with people who want to bring in something that they love but are unaware of the risks that it brings into the country without proper inspection and documentation,” she said. -Herald

Tshabangu Praises Mnangagwa’s ZiG



Sengezo Tshabangu

Sengezo Tshabangu, the self-declared interim Secretary General of the Citizens Coalition for Change, has voiced support for Zimba-bwe’s new currency introduced by Emmerson Mnangagwa’s administration.
Tshabangu’s endorsement of the ZiG currency underscores a significant shift in sentiment towards the government’s economic policies. In a direct quote, Tshabangu stated, “We can’t continue using the foreign currency,” clearly signaling his approval of the decision to implement a local currency.
This statement aligns with Mnangagwa’s efforts to stabilize the country’s economy and reduce dependency on foreign currencies. However, Mnangagwa’s new currency is seen as useless by economists.
Speaking at the commissioning of the Yahua Group Kamativi mining company Spodumene mine and processing plant in Hwange District, Senator Tshabangu emphasized the importance of building confidence in the new currency. He stressed that enhancing confidence among Zimbabweans is crucial for the ZiG currency to gain traction and become preferred for local transactions.
Tshabangu’s remarks reflect a nuanced approach to economic policy, acknowledging the necessity of a local currency while also emphasizing the importance of public trust and confidence in its value.
By supporting the ZiG currency and advocating for measures to boost its acceptance, Tshabangu demonstrates a pragmatic stance towards economic development and monetary policy in Zimbabwe.
The commissioning event highlighted broader discussions around economic revitalization and resource development in the region.
Tshabangu’s comments underscore the significance of domestic currency initiatives as part of the government’s broader economic agenda.
As Zimbabwe continues to navigate economic challenges, Tshabangu’s endorsement of the ZiG currency signals a potential shift in perceptions towards the government’s economic policies.
The emphasis on confidence-building measures underscores the importance of public trust in driving economic stability and growth. -Zimeye

Chinese Investor Builds Durawall Across Railway Line In Harare



The wall, which sparked a wave of reactions on social media over the weekend, was built by a Chinese national only identified as Ms Li. Images of the structure quickly went viral, prompting questions about whether railway infrastructure was being illegally blocked.
In a statement issued on Monday, 19 May, the NRZ asserted that the wall wasn’t put up on an active line, but rather on a disused, privately-owned siding. Reads the statement: Over the past weekend, the National Railways of Zimbabwe (NRZ) was inundated

with inquiries regarding a security wall built on a railway line, whose pictures went viral on social media. We hereby wish to set the record straight and lay the facts bare.
The NRZ went on a fact-finding mission and established that the structure in question was built on top of a disused, privately-owned siding leading to a now defunct factory which is currently being demolished after the property was bought by a Chinese-owned company last year. These sidings are owned by private Companies that require goods to

be railed to their premises from our yards.
The wall was built to secure the property located on 44 Tilbury Rd in the Willowvale industrial area of Harare. Our team managed to speak to a director at the company identified as Ms Li, who said they built the security wall to prevent thieves from accessing their newly acquired property.
So, effectively, the NRZ does not have any mandate over the disused line but understands that the City of Harare is looking into the matter. -thezimbabwean.co

Zimbabwe’s late pro-democracy icon Tsvangirai was ‘regrettably’ first to use notorious recall clause

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On December 9, 2023, ZANU PF won seven out of the nine parliamentary by-elections. The ruling party now had 184 seats (144 directly elected through first past the post 33 proportional representation for women and seven youth quota) out of 280 seats in the National Assembly. Zanu PF was now three seats away from having a two thirds majority in the National Assembly.

Consequently, six more constituency by-elections were held on February 3, 2024, following the recall of six more opposition MPs by Tshabangu.

ZESN recommends that Zimbabwe take a more people-centred stance on recalls which allows more participation of the electorate, and not the party alone.

“Fundamental to the way forward is placing the citizens at the centre of representative democracy. The international versions of recall are informed by a citizens-centred rather than a party-centric process. All they differ in is the degree of cumbersome. “Considering this risk, recall procedures should not be too easy to implement. The recall must be designed in such a way that it becomes a last resort option rather than the norm...A high threshold citizen-led recall process is more ideal for Zimbabwe.”

ZESN opined that this enables citizens to maintain the right of recall as a tool of direct democracy and a reinforcement of representative democracy in a context where politicians largely lack accountability and programmatic delivery.

However, the recall has to be regulated to avoid political manipulations consistent with semi-democratic States.

“Zimbabwe therefore needs to urgently consider a constitutional amendment that would give citizens and not political parties the power to recall failing politicians in a representative democracy without having to wait for five years.

“All elected representatives can face the prospect of recall including local authorities, MPs and the President. In States where power is centralised it is usually at the top level of representation that the citizens’ political frustration is highest given the lack of accountability and delivery. However, because of the authoritarian nature of the politics, political opponents would always be tempted to invoke the provisions of a recall,”said ZESN.

Consequently, a recall needs to be both difficult to exercise and to be a clear expression of the people. However, the country must avoid blanket recall laws which will cause capture by Zanu PF as a dominant party state.

Hence practically given that Zimbabwe is still a semi-democratic State state and not a mature democracy high threshold conditions will be necessary.

It is, therefore, argued that Zimbabwe’s laws need to be reviewed to entitle the elected representatives to be led by the Constitution itself and citizens will not necessarily by their party position as is common in most mature democracies, ZESN submitted.

The electorate must remain drivers of the recall process. “In the case of exceptional circumstances, it should only be the people of a concerned constituency that can recall an elected representative through a democratic, participatory and transparent high threshold citizen-initiated process, not the political party let alone dominant groups within a party that nominated this other candidate.

“Regulations should provide for recall origins; reasonable timelines or a regulated period for recalls; substantive grounds for recalls; petition thresholds; petition verification; a recall referendum; judicial review; the by-election and curbing repeated calls,” ZESN said.

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SADC to Host Landmark Transfrontier Conservation Summit in Harare



Zimbabwe will host the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCA) International Conference and Summit of Heads of State and Government from May 19 to 23 2025 at the Harare International Conference Centre.

The summit will be held under the theme “Transfrontier Conservation Areas – 25 Years of Cooperation for Regional Integration and Sustainable Development,” and will mark a quarter-century of cross-border environmental collaboration in Southern Africa.

TFCAs are shared ecological zones across national borders that aim to conserve biodiversity, boost eco-tourism, and strengthen regional cooperation.

For Zimbabwe and other SADC Member States these areas are vital for protecting wildlife, promoting sustainable use of natural resources, and fostering economic growth through tourism and conservation-related investments.

The summit will bring together Heads of State, traditional leaders, conservationists and international partners, including the European Union (EU) and Germany.

It aims to strengthen political support for the TFCA Programme, mobilise investment and enhance policy alignment across sectors.

During the conference there will be sessions hosted by the Joint Action “NaturAfrica / Climate Resilience and Natural Resource Management in the SADC (C-NRM) Programme,” supported by the EU and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The sessions will focus on tourism development and disaster risk reduction in TFCAs.

Expected outcomes include new agreements to expand TFCAs, joint management frameworks, and sustainable financing deals.

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Gutu East youths empowered through village business units



GUTU-RESIDENTS of Gutu East have expressed satisfaction with the ongoing development projects spearheaded by the Second Republic, particularly in the agricultural sector, saying the visible transformation in their communities will inform their decision to vote for continued development in the forthcoming parliamentary by-election.

Of particular note is the establishment of the Mufudze Youth Business Unit in the Mazuru area.

This initiative, undertaken by the ZANU PF-led government under the stewardship of President Emmerson Mnangagwa, seeks to improve the livelihoods of rural youths through sustainable agriculture and enterprise development.

Speaking during a community mobilisation event on Friday, young people from the area expressed appreciation for the support being extended to rural communities. “We are excited that today a village business unit is being established for youths in this area. It means we will be able to do various agriculture initiatives from horticulture and poultry to fisheries projects. This is empowerment, and it means many of us will no longer engage in drug and substance abuse or other vices, but rather focus on improving our livelihoods, a beneficiary said.

Another resident added that the recent initiative is part of a series of developmental projects rolled out in the constituency since 2018.

“This is not the first development project we are witnessing in this area. There are many since 2018, led by President Mnangagwa and his administration. We are grateful as the people of Mazuru and we continue to support development,” a resident said.

The ZANU PF Youth League, led by Deputy Secretary for Youth Affairs, Cde John Paradza, visited the area to rally support for the party’s candidate in the Gutu East by-election, Cde Zvarevashe Masvingise.

“As youths, we are encouraged by the programmes that President Mnangagwa is implementing in communities to transform people’s lives. The project being established here is for the youths, and it is not the first of its kind. Many have already been established across the country, and some youths are already reaping the benefits. This development-oriented foundation is a clear testimony that ZANU PF will win resoundingly in the upcoming by-election,” he said.

Cde Masvingise expressed confidence in winning the seat, citing the ruling party’s strong support base in the area and its visible delivery of development.

“As the people of Gutu East, we appreciate what the ZANU PF party is doing for us, and this has made my campaign very easy as I continue to

ride on the popularity of the party. Hence, I am convinced of a victory come 14 June,” Masvingise said.

The Gutu East Parliamentary by-election is scheduled for the 14th of June and will be contested by Cde Zvarevashe Masvingise (ZANU PF), Gift Gonese (Independent), and Zivanai Nzvenga (NCA).

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EMA Urges Businesses to Get Licences for Generators

The Environmental Management Agency (EMA) has called on businesses using large standby generators to get proper licences for their equipment to avoid penalties.

In a statement, EMA provincial manager for Harare, Leon Mutungamiri said commercial property owners with standby generators over five kilovolt-amperes (5KVA) must obtain air emissions licences from the agency.

“Standby generators should comply with air emissions licensing provisions sited in the Environmental Management Act Cap 20:27 as read with Statutory Instrument 72 of 2009, Atmospheric Pollution Control,” said Mutungamiri

He said backup generators release pollutants into the air when they burn fuel and are considered sources of atmospheric pollution under the law. “Standby power generators with a power rating that is more than five Kilovolts-Ampere (>5KVA) shall emit the exhaust emissions under a license by the Environmental Management Agency, excluding households,” he said.

Mutungamiri also confirmed that EMA is currently carrying out inspections across the Harare Metropolitan Province to check for compliance and businesses found operating generators without the required licences will face fines. He urged all companies in Harare to regularise their operations to avoid penalties.

“All premises with emitting generators which are more than 5KVA, excluding households, are supposed to visit the Environmental Management Agency offices and acquire a license. Operators of generators without a license will be issued with tickets for non-compliance,” he said.

According to the Environmental Management Act, “No owner or operator of a trade or any establishment shall emit a substance or energy which causes or is likely to cause air pollution without an emission license issued by the Agency.”-263Chat

First Lady brings cheer to female police officers . . . initiates poultry project for them

First Lady Dr Auxillia Mnangagwa has distributed thousands of chicks, chicken feed, and stress packs to female police officers as part of her unwavering commitment to uplifting women, supporting their welfare, and promoting sustainable livelihoods. The empowerment advocate, Dr Mnangagwa, sparked wild celebrations among the female officers as she launched a poultry project aimed at boosting productivity and providing diverse income streams.

Laughter, music, and dance filled the air at Tomlinson Depot, in Harare on Thursday as beaming officers, some in uniform, joyfully received chicks, feed and stress packs. Sergeant Nothando Nsimba added flair to the occasion by paying tribute to the First Lady through poetry. Speaking during the handover of 4 000 chicks, chicken feed, and stress packs, Dr Mnangagwa, herself an avid farmer, expressed joy at meeting women serving in the Zimbabwe Republic Police.

“I have worked with women in the uniformed forces before, and consequently, I have brought 2 000 chickens. Next Thursday, another batch of 2 000 chicks will be delivered to kick-start the poultry project for our remarkable female officers in the Law and Order and Criminal Investigation Departments,” she said. Dr Mnangagwa



Angel of Hope Foundation patron First Lady Dr Auxillia Mnangagwa hands over thousands of chicks, feed and stress packs to female police officers for them to start poultry projects to economically empower them in Harare on Thursday. — Pictures: John Manzongo.

said for her and her office, the empowerment of women is not just a priority, it is a deeply held commitment.

“I believe that when you empower a woman, you empower a family, a community, and ultimately, a nation. “A community that supports women is the cornerstone of true liberation. It provides

not only financial stability, but also dignity, confidence, and the ability to make choices that affect lives,” she said.

The First Lady said women, once underrepresented in many spheres, including law enforcement, are now indispensable. “This project is an opportunity for each of you to cultivate an

additional income stream, diversify your household economy, and build a national legacy,” she said.

“This donation is a recognition that your commitment should be matched with opportunities for personal and financial growth. My wish is for you to thrive in your professional duties and your personal lives.”

Dr Mnangagwa encouraged the officers to learn, collaborate, and grow together. “This project reflects my belief in your capacity for innovation and success. I hope it becomes a stepping stone to greater achievements. “A stream of initiatives should follow, demonstrating that in Zimbabwe, women are not just participants, but leaders, innovators, and vanguards of our nation,” she said.

Dr Mnangagwa also commended the police for their role in maintaining peace and stability. “Your professionalism and unwavering commitment to justice allow our nation to stand firmly on the pillars of democracy and good governance. “You are the guardians of peace, the upholders of justice, and the embodiment of the rule of law. The Law Enforcement Department and CID are central to maintaining stability and security in our beloved country,” she said.

“Your efforts to ensure citizens

recognition of her unparalleled work in preserving national heritage.

“This honour reflects your passion for promoting our rich cultural traditions. Initiatives such as Nhang/Gota/Ixhiba, Nharirire Yemusha, and Afrikana Family Humanism have safeguarded customs while reinforcing national pride and identity,” he said.

Comm-Gen Mutamba added that the First Lady also spearheaded the creation of the National Fabric, a patriotic textile symbolising unity and heritage. “This fabric visually represents Zimbabwe’s cultural depth, reminding us of the need to preserve and honour our identity.

“Women have been vital in this preservation, embedding the spirit of Ubuntu across generations, championing compassion, respect, and interconnectedness.”

Comm-Gen Mutamba highlighted the role of women in ceremonies, rites of passage, and moral teachings, noting that these contributions shape a nation built on dignity and harmony.

Comm Evelyn Taurai Phillip also praised the First Lady’s visionary leadership, describing it as a guiding beacon. Grateful beneficiaries celebrated with song and dance, with Detective Sergeant Beauty Chinyama saying she was overjoyed by the donation.

“We are truly grateful. These inputs will help us start poultry projects to support our families and supplement our incomes,” she said.

“She has truly empowered us. I feel dignified. This will ensure food security at the household level. Thank you, Dr Mnangagwa, we truly feel we have a mother figure. We will show the fruits of this wonderful initiative.”

Constable Kudzai Mugobo added: “Sometimes we want to do more but lack the resources. The First Lady has given us the tools and confidence to begin.

“I want to express my gratitude to Dr Mnangagwa for recognising us as female police officers and providing constant support.” Sergeant Ever Gumula said interacting with the First Lady was a great honour. “I am grateful that she took the time to be with us and provide chicks, feed, and stress packs to help us become entrepreneurs. “We appreciate her efforts and hope she continues with this nationwide initiative,” she said.

Sergeant Nyaradzai Mazodze thanked Dr Mnangagwa for championing women’s empowerment. “This will enable us to be self-reliant and better provide for our families,” she said. Another beneficiary, Martha Gandhi, said the input costs can be a significant barrier.

“With this help, we can focus on production rather than sourcing resources,” she said. “What the First Lady has done goes beyond donation, she has shown belief in our potential.

“That means everything.”

The event was attended by officers from various provinces, including Mashonaland West, East, and Central, all of whom benefited from the gesture. Through the Angel of Hope Foundation, Dr Mnangagwa has transformed women’s lives across all ten provinces, launching income-generating projects. Among them is the Poultry4 Vanambuya Empowerment Scheme, which distributes free-range chickens to elderly women.

The breeds Boschveld, Sussex, and Koekoek are sourced from Dr Mnangagwa’s own fowl runs. Dr Mnangagwa has also been spearheading poultry projects in other provinces, targeting women and youths who have been receiving broiler chicks, stress packs, and feed to foster entrepreneurship and community development. There has also been the First Lady’s Widows Association initiative, where thousands of chicks, along with necessary feed, have been distributed.

The initiative also provided groceries to help start small shops, fostering entrepreneurship and financial stability among widows. In Glen View, Harare, visually impaired families have also benefited from the First Lady’s generosity, receiving day-old broiler chicks and feed, offering them a sustainable livelihood alternative to begging, thereby improving their quality of life and reducing exposure to urban hazards.

These programmes demonstrate Dr Mnangagwa’s commitment to empowering marginalised groups through sustainable agriculture, aligning with Zimbabwe’s Vision 2030 goals.

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Former Cabinet Minister attacked in love triangle

FORMER Cabinet Minister and Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) Senator for Binga Mr Gabuza Joel Gabbuza, is fighting for his life at Mpilo Central Hospital in Bulawayo after he was stabbed several times in a vicious assault over a suspected adulterous relationship last Friday morning. The attack, which was allegedly carried out at Siamakwa Village in Tinde, Ward 18 in Binga District, reportedly left the former minister with severe head and hand injuries.

Mr Gabbuza was the Minister of Water Resources and Development during the Government of National Unity (GNU) from 2009 and held office until 2013 when a new Cabinet was appointed. Medical authorities have since referred him to Bulawayo for advanced treatment due to the severity of his condition. He was airlifted from Hwange Colliery Hospital to Bulawayo yesterday.

Police National Spokesperson Commissioner Paul Nyathi confirmed the incident, saying police investigations are underway. “We are investigating a case of assault where Mr Joel Gabbuza was attacked by two suspects at a woman’s homestead in Tinde, Ward 18,” he said.

He said it is alleged that the former Cabinet Minister gave the woman a lift and ended up putting up for the night at her homestead. According to sources close to the investigations, the assailants allegedly attacked Mr Gabbuza with knives, targeting his head in what appears to be a crime of passion.

A suspect (name withheld) reportedly accused Mr Gabbuza of



FORMER Cabinet Minister and Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC) Senator for Binga Mr Gabuza Joel Gabbuza

having an extra-marital affair with his estranged wife. “After the brutal assault, the suspects fled the scene, leaving Gabbuza bleeding profusely. A police report was filed at Kamativi

Police Station, but the perpetrators remain at large as investigations continue,” said the source. Mr Gabbuza was rushed to Hwange Colliery Hospital, where doctors worked to stabilise him. Due to the severity of his injuries, primarily deep stab wounds to the head, medical personnel recommended an immediate transfer to a better-equipped facility in Bulawayo for specialised care.

According to the sources, his condition remains critical. Mr Gabbuza is a well-known political figure in Binga, having served as a Member of Parliament during the days of the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) led by the late former Prime Minister, Morgan Tsvangirai from 2000 and then Senator under the CCC banner.

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Harare City Council renames major roads

In a landmark move to celebrate African liberation heroes, prominent national figures, and influential global revolutionaries, the Harare City Council has officially renamed several of the capital's key roads. The announcement, made this week, is part of a broader effort to preserve the city's historical identity while embracing regional solidarity and post-colonial pride. Among the most notable changes, Charter Road will now be known as Fidel Castro Road, paying tribute to the late Cuban revolutionary leader whose support for African liberation movements remains legendary.

Third Street has been renamed Patrice Lumumba Street, commemorating the first Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Congo and a symbol of Africa's struggle for independence. Another central artery, Five Avenue, is now Leonid Brezhnev Street, named after the former Soviet leader whose government played a significant role in backing liberation efforts across Africa during the Cold War era.

The renaming continues with Speke Avenue becoming Agostinho Neto Avenue, in honor of Angola's first president and a key figure in the country's fight for independence, while Angwa Street now carries the name Sir Seretse Khama Street, honoring Botswana's founding president.

Rezende Street has been changed to Julia Zvobgo Street, named after the veteran Zimbabwean liberation fighter and influential post-independence leader. Meanwhile, Selous Avenue becomes John Landa Nkomo Avenue, and Cameron Street is now Joseph Msika Street—both



names commemorating respected Zimbabwean leaders who contributed significantly to national unity and governance.

Other notable road name changes include Baines Avenue to Herbert Ushewokunze Avenue, recognizing the former cabinet minister; Dieppe Road renamed Vitalis Zvinavashe Road, honoring the late commander of the Zimbabwe Defence Forces; and Argyle Road, now Sydney Malunga Road.

Further changes include Lorraine Drive becoming Mama Mafuyana Drive, in tribute to the widow of nationalist Joshua Nkomo and a respected activist herself; Forth Street now known as Simon Vengai Muzenda Street, commemorating Zimbabwe's long-serving Vice President; and Enterprise Road renamed ED Mnangagwa Road, after the current President of Zimbabwe.

Other roads renamed to honor

key figures are Kirkman Drive becoming Solomon Mujuru Drive, for the late military commander and political leader; Livingstone Avenue changing to Oliver Tambo Avenue, in honor of the South African anti-apartheid hero; and Second Street now Sam Nujoma Street, after Namibia's founding president.

Finally, Innez Terrace has been renamed Mayor Urimbo Terrace, in recognition of a former local government leader. The renaming exercise reflects Harare City Council's commitment to celebrating a legacy of struggle, leadership, and solidarity, while fostering a sense of pride in Zimbabwe's and Africa's rich historical heritage. Residents and visitors are encouraged to embrace these new names as symbols of the continent's shared journey toward freedom and progress.

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Some Zimbabweans oppose development

There is a growing and deeply troubling trend among certain segments of our society—an unsettling comfort with the status quo of decay and underdevelopment. It is as if, for some, the sight of crumbling infrastructure, pothole-ridden roads, and outdated facilities is not a national crisis to be addressed but a political strategy to be preserved.

Let me be clear: there are Zimbabweans who do not want development of any kind. Not because they don't see its benefits, but because development threatens the very foundation of their political relevance. For these individuals and groups, a Zimbabwe that works—where roads are passable, hospitals are functioning, and cities are modernising—is a direct threat to their ideological survival.

Misery as Political Capital

For this group, misery is not just a consequence of underdevelopment—it is an asset. Their entire political messaging relies on pointing to broken infrastructure as evidence of failure. Without that visible failure, their rhetoric loses steam. So, whenever there is a new road, flyover, airport terminal, or even a bridge, they don't see it as a step forward; they see it as a blow to their brand.

It's a bizarre paradox: development, the very thing Zimbabwe needs, becomes a threat to those who profit politically or psychologically—from stagnation. They need Zimbabwe to fail so they can keep selling hopelessness as resistance.

We have seen this mindset play out repeatedly. Every time a major

infrastructure project is unveiled—be it the Mbudzi Interchange, new highways, irrigation schemes, or even borehole drilling in rural areas—there is an almost rehearsed outcry: "What about hospitals?" or "That money could have been used for nurses' salaries." It's as though development can only happen in one sector at a time, and progress in one area must always be weaponised as evidence of neglect in another.

This week was no different. Following visible progress in road infrastructure and interchanges, the chorus of "What about hospitals?" grew louder across social media. But let's unpack that.

The Hospital Upgrade Drive Is Underway

The government has not turned a blind eye to the health sector, as critics suggest. In fact, the hospital upgrade initiative is already underway. Several district and provincial hospitals have seen refurbishment work begin in earnest, and new clinics are being built in remote communities through public-private partnerships and devolution funds. Diagnostic equipment, ambulances, maternity wards, and staff accommodations are being rolled out in phases.

Yes, the pace may not satisfy everyone—and rightly so. But pretending that nothing is being done simply because it doesn't dominate the headlines is dishonest. What's even more disingenuous is the fact that some of the loudest critics are aware of this progress. Yet, they choose to ignore it, because acknowledging development undermines their narrative of perpetual crisis.

And mark my words: the moment images of refurbished hospitals and



newly built clinics start surfacing, the same people shouting "What about hospitals?" today will pivot. They will suddenly become investigative journalists, accusing contractors of inflating costs and alleging ghost projects. They will flood social media with half-baked stories, question procurement processes, and paint every bulldozer as a symbol of corruption. It is not that they care about hospitals. It is that development of any kind is incompatible with their political project.

Propaganda by Deflection

This behaviour is not new. It's a classic tactic of political deflection: shift focus, confuse the public, and weaponise public expectations. If roads are being built, scream about hospitals. If hospitals are upgraded, scream about textbooks. If schools are built, scream about electricity. The goal is never to engage constructively—it is to disrupt and delegitimise.

This tactic is aided by social media, where misinformation spreads faster than facts and outrage outperforms reason. A pothole picture can go viral in minutes, but the commissioning of a new solar-powered clinic barely makes it to the trending list. It is easier

to outrage than to inform.

The most worrying part is that many ordinary citizens are caught in this crossfire. They are frustrated, and justifiably so, after years of hardship. Their legitimate concerns are exploited by professional naysayers who use those grievances as kindling for political agendas.

The Way Forward: Celebrate Progress, Criticise Constructively

This is not a defence of mediocrity, nor is it a call for blind praise of the government. Criticism is necessary—it keeps leaders accountable. But criticism without context is not accountability. It is sabotage.

We must demand better, yes. But we must also be honest enough to acknowledge progress where it occurs. When roads are built, let's celebrate and then ask: how can we replicate this success in schools and hospitals? When a hospital is renovated, let's applaud and then ask: how do we retain trained staff and improve patient care? Constructive criticism builds nations. Destructive cynicism burns them down.

Let's not fall into the trap of opposing for opposition's sake. Let's resist the urge to deny our own eyes

and ears simply because progress is politically inconvenient for our preferred camp. Zimbabwe does not belong to politicians. It belongs to the people. And the people deserve infrastructure, hospitals, water, electricity, and education—all at once, not one at a time. It is possible to build roads and hospitals. To dig boreholes and fund schools. Development is not a zero-sum game unless we allow it to be.

Final Thoughts

There is nothing revolutionary about refusing to acknowledge progress. There is no honour in sabotaging development because it benefits your political opponent. And there is certainly no patriotism in celebrating dysfunction.

The future of Zimbabwe must not be held hostage by those who depend on chaos to stay relevant. We need a new culture—one that embraces accountability and progress in equal measure. One that understands that true patriotism is the courage to build, not the bitterness to destroy.

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Zanu PF still delivering for the masses

NOTHING can stop the colossal ZANU PF. One cannot afford to ignore the influence the party has. It is now dawning on our enemies that ZANU PF is a reality that they have to contend with for the foreseeable future. Since its inception, it has broken barriers and set the bar high. It is difficult for any other political party to achieve what the ruling party has been able to attain over the years.

It is perhaps the most progressive political movement we have seen in recent history. Time is of the essence in our quest to achieve total emancipation of our people, which will be attained when they all have the means of production. This is what we have been fighting for since the very beginning.

The most effective way of reversing the impact of colonialism is through total economic emancipation for all our people. His Excellency, President ED Mnangagwa, is



Dr Obert Moses Mpofu

intentional in his approach of deliberately uplifting all our people. However, when we started off on our quest, not many believed in us. We gladly proved them wrong as we managed to turn around our economy.

Initially, we strived to go where no independent revolutionary

government or party had ever dared to venture. The land question seemed untouchable. The goal of the colonisers was to keep us forever separated from our land.

For daring to take back the land, ZANU PF became very unpopular amongst those who sought to keep us

under subjugation. However, by so doing, the ruling party set the tone for positive change and empowerment of the black majority.

Poverty is the worst disease to affect a people. So impressive have been our efforts that our peers have begun emulating our work. They have been reaching out to ZANU PF to learn how we have managed to steer Zimbabwe towards prosperity, especially amidst constant attacks from our detractors.

There is an awakening of all our peoples within the region that we are all that we have in the quest for total emancipation. Zimbabwe has indeed become a rags-to-riches story under the guidance of His Excellency, President ED Mnangagwa. Through the engagement and re-engagement drive, we have regained much of what was lost.

The ZANU PF headquarters in Harare have become the home of all things promising.

Zimbabwe is still going strong. We have turned dirt into gold. At no time in Zimbabwe's history have we had so many prosperous, enterprising and industrious young people than now, thanks to the ruling party's policies.

We have done the most we can under very difficult conditions. There can be no doubt that ZANU PF is still very relevant today as it was when we freed this country.

We will continue growing the revolutionary party. We have the commitment and political will to ensure that our people have access to all things that improve their lives and livelihoods.

All ZANU PF efforts are channelled towards policies that will make significant and practical change and differences in the daily lives of Zimbabweans.

Dr Obert Moses Mpofu is the Secretary-General of ZANU PF. He writes in his own capacity. **-Herald**



Dr. Charles Shava

The Board of the National Social Security Authority (NSSA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Charles Shava as substantive General Manager/Chief Executive Officer of the Authority with effect from 1 March 2025.

The appointment is in terms of Section 25 of the NSSA Act (Chapter 17:04) and Section 17 (2) of the Public Entities Corporate Governance Act (Chapter 10:31).

NSSA provides monthly social security benefits to over 250,000 beneficiaries and covers almost 1.3 million active employees in the formal sector, as well as just under 40,000 employers.

Apart from providing benefits, NSSA is responsible for the provision of occupational safety and health in workplaces through the Accident Prevention and Workers Compensation Scheme.

As a mass mobiliser of national savings, NSSA is the biggest institutional investor in Zimbabwe, through its impact investment strategy that is geared at safeguarding the long-term viability of its schemes by investing in ventures that promote job creation, job protection and economic productivity.

Dr. Shava joined NSSA in March 2021 as Director Occupational Safety and Health before being appointed Acting General Manager in July 2022.

Dr. Shava holds degrees in Medicine and Surgery. He also holds a Master of Science Degree in Occupational Safety and Health from Middlesex University London and a Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Hygiene from University of Manchester.

He is a Chartered Fellow of the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health UK (IOSH, UK). His experience gained in the past 20 years spans across occupational medicine, Public Health and Social Security delivery covering pensions and insurance, as well as occupational health and safety services.

Dr Emmanuel Anesu Fundira
NSSA Board Chairman

Battle over new NSSA boss intensifies

The fight to appoint a new general manager for Zimbabwe's US\$1.2 billion National Social Security Authority (NSSA) has descended into a chaotic and politically charged standoff, marked by corruption allegations, behind-the-scenes manoeuvres, and a struggle for control of the powerful institution.

The position of NSSA general manager - equivalent to a chief executive officer - is one of the most strategically significant roles in Zimbabwe's public sector. The post comes with sweeping powers over the administration of the national pension fund and control over a vast investment portfolio that spans banking, real estate, manufacturing, health, and agriculture. Since July 2022, however, the role has been held in an acting capacity by Dr Charles Shava, following the suspension and eventual departure of Arthur Manase, who was engulfed in a corruption storm involving 30 charges of abuse of office and financial misconduct.

After Manase's exit in August 2023, an executive search process to find a permanent replacement began. Recruitment firm Head Hunters International Consulting Services conducted interviews and psychometric assessments, followed by security vetting by the Office of the President and Cabinet (OPC). The NSSA board was then tasked with final interviews, after which a shortlist was submitted to the then Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare, July Moyo. However, the process became tainted by irregularities, with candidates allegedly being removed or imposed at the behest of key players pursuing their own interests.

Among the candidates were Dr Charles Shava and NSSA's suspended director of corporate affairs, David Makwara, who was later

cleared of corruption charges and is now negotiating an exit package. From the flawed process emerged two frontrunners: Gilfern Moyo, human resources director at the Zimbabwe National Road Administration (ZINARA), and Tendai Kapumha, chief executive officer of the Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe. Sources say NSSA board chairman Emmanuel Fundira is lobbying for Moyo, while OPC's Corporate Governance Unit (CGU), led by Allen Choruma, favours Kapumha.

Shava, meanwhile, became the subject of high-level consultations involving President Emmerson Mnangagwa, current Minister of Public Service Edgar Moyo, and permanent secretary Simon Masanga. These discussions reportedly resulted in the decision to appoint Shava, who has been acting in the role for nearly three years. His appointment letter was signed on 1 March 2025, but Fundira has allegedly refused to action or announce the appointment, choosing instead to delay the process in what insiders say is a deliberate attempt to block Shava in favour of a more compliant candidate.

The fight for the NSSA post is closely linked to control of the fund's resources and its controversial history of mismanagement. One major issue is the stalled US\$10 million software tender involving local tech firm Twenty Third Century Systems (TTCS). NSSA paid the company for a system that failed to deliver, and insiders now accuse Fundira of attempting to revive the deal through a staged tender process. The initial payment for the new attempt would reportedly be US\$1.8 million. While Fundira has denied involvement in corruption, his refusal to implement Shava's appointment and his support for TTCS have raised serious questions about his motives. >>>**P17**

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In the midst of this power struggle, Shava has become the target of a coordinated media smear campaign, with state-owned publications publishing stories questioning his credibility and fitness for office. His critics argue that he should not be appointed due to an ongoing court case involving the unprocedural award of ZW\$12 million in allowances to NSSA doctors — a matter the NSSA board had previously rejected. The court case is currently underway, but insiders say the allegations are being used as a pretext to block Shava's appointment, especially as the legal case appears weak and unlikely to hold.

With the legal angle losing traction, attention has shifted to Shava's proposed salary package, which was leaked to the press in an apparent attempt to generate public backlash. The package includes a US\$15,730 monthly salary (with 40% in hard currency), a 25% annual performance bonus, allowances for representation, travel, professional development, family holidays, domestic staff, and a vehicle loan equal to his annual gross salary. The CGU has flagged the

package as inconsistent with public sector pay guidelines, particularly given that NSSA pensioners receive a meagre US\$60 per month.

While some of the objections raised may have merit, sources say they are being used selectively and disingenuously by individuals with vested interests in the appointment process. The intention, they argue, is to discredit Shava and justify the imposition of alternative candidates who are more likely to protect corrupt deals and political interests.

The unfolding drama highlights deep-rooted issues of governance, transparency, and accountability within NSSA. Since 2015, the authority has suffered from a revolving door of directors and general managers, a situation that has significantly undermined its ability to deliver effective social security services to Zimbabweans. With billions of dollars under its control, NSSA remains a prime target for manipulation and political capture — and the current fight over its leadership is the latest example of how far powerful individuals are willing to go to protect their interests. -**Bulawayo24**

EMA Cracks Down on Environmental Violations



EMA has intensified its efforts to ensure adherence to environmental laws, following alarming findings from its ongoing second-quarter nationwide compliance blitz. In a statement, the agency's Environmental, Education and Publicity manager Amkela Sidange said the agency conducted 4 896 inspections resulting in the issuance of 1 098 tickets and 819 Environmental Protection Orders (EPOs).

"As part of the exercise, the agency is using technology to carry out prompt analysis of the quality of the environment for immediate decision-making and intervention," Sidange said.

Sidange said some of the preliminary findings from the exercise indicate that there is increased non-compliance in the liquid and solid waste management. She said the agency found violations of standing environmental regulations through significant discharge of partly treated and raw wastewater into the environment as well as

underperforming solid waste management systems.

"This is having a direct impact on the quality of water, with most water bodies downstream of urban areas exhibiting increased nutrient loads associated with wastewater, whereas poor solid waste management has literally reduced open spaces in most urban areas into dumping sites," she said.

The agency called for the urgent adoption of sustainable practices in every development, especially for prescribed projects that should be implemented under an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment licence from the Agency.

"It remains key to integrate ecologically sustainability into every form of development for the protection of the natural capital for posterity. We also call upon the general public to play that significant role of custodianship of the environment and ensure everyone has access to a clean environment that is not harmful to health," Sidange said.

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Mnangagwa promotes Major General Tapfumaneyi



HARARE – President Mnangagwa yesterday promoted Brigadier General Asher Walter Tapfumaneyi to the rank of Major General, with immediate effect, and subsequently returned him to the Zimbabwe National Army.

Before this promotion, Major General Tapfumaneyi was Deputy Director-General in the President's Department since 2020. He left the ZNA in 2006 and has also held several senior positions in Government, including Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Welfare Services for War Veterans, War Collaborators, Former Political Detainees, and Restricttees, as well as Principal Director in the Ministry of Presidential Affairs.

President Mnangagwa made the promotion in terms of section 15 (1) (b) of the Defence Act (Chapter 11:02) as read with section 7(1)(a) of the Defence Regular Force (Officers) Regulations 1988, which states: "His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Commander-in-Chief of the

Zimbabwe Defence Forces may, on the advice of the Minister of Defence, acting on the recommendations of the Commander Zimbabwe Defence Forces, reward any member for distinguished service or gallant conduct on active service by promoting an officer to a higher rank."

Accordingly, Commander Zimbabwe Defence Forces, General Philip Valerio Sibanda, considered Brigadier General Tapfumaneyi suitable for promotion, as recommended by Defence Minister Oppah Muchinguri-Kashiri. Acting on the advice of Minister Muchinguri-Kashiri, President Mnangagwa consented to and approved the promotion of Brigadier General Tapfumaneyi to the rank of Major General.

Speaking at the promotion ceremony, General Sibanda called on Major General Tapfumaneyi to use his vast experience for the betterment of the ZNA and ZDF at large.

"Major General Tapfumaneyi is coming back into

the Zimbabwe National Army after nearly 20 years in other Government departments.

"His valuable experience and exposure are core to the betterment of the organisation and the peace and stability of the organisation," he said.

Major General Tapfumaneyi expressed gratitude for the recognition and acknowledged the responsibility that comes with the new rank.

"I want to express my gratitude to His Excellency President Mnangagwa for this recognition.

"This day will forever be etched in my memory because it marks the pinnacle of my achievements in my service to the country.

"I call the Zimbabwe National Army my home, and I am happy to be back home again with this new responsibility.

"At the same time, I am cognisant that this honour bestowed on me comes with new responsibilities and higher expectations," he said.

-Herald

Harare issues final warning to defaulting tenants

Hare City Council has said stringent recovery measures are now in motion to deal with the rising number of tenants who are defaulting on rent payments for council-owned properties. In a statement, the City of Harare housing manager, Mr Edgar Dzehonye said less than 10 percent of tenants occupying council properties are paying their rentals.

"We are sitting on a portfolio of over 10 000 rented properties, but only a small fraction of those tenants are paying what they owe. The defaults are alarming," he said.

Mr Dzehonye said the city has begun issuing final demand notices to defaulters, giving them 14 days to settle their arrears. The housing manager said those who fail to comply with the notice will be issued eviction summons with another 14-day grace window. Mr Dzehonye said if a tenant still fails to comply, the city will then seek ejectment certificates and proceed with evictions.

"This is not a move we take lightly. We are advising all



tenants to honour their obligations to avoid unnecessary discomfort and the unfortunate consequence of eviction."

He said the city acknowledges the tenants' right to decent accommodation, but reminded them that such rights come with the responsibility to pay for services rendered.

He also spoke against those illegally occupying council property or those subletting council property without proper documentation. "We know there

are people who are paying rent to private individuals instead of council. We urge them to come forward to their nearest district offices to regularise their stay. This is an opportunity to resolve the issue while clearing arrears."

Mr Dzehonye said the city's goal is to restore accountability and ensure that council resources are managed effectively. "We thank those who have been paying and urge others to follow suit," he said.

-Herald

ANC Urged To Expel Geza Over Alleged Zimbabwe Destabilisation Plot



According to The NewsHawks, Nyekorach-Matsanga has long been known as a staunch ZANU-PF supporter and public relations operative, having previously worked as a propagandist for Zimbabwe’s ruling party during the late President Robert Mugabe’s tenure. In a letter dated 18 May and addressed to ANC Secretary-General Fikile Mbalula, Nyekorach-Matsanga urged the South African government to expel Geza.

He accused Geza of using South African territory as a base to launch attacks against Zimbabwe’s leadership, claiming that such activities undermine regional peace and security in contravention of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), African Union (AU), and United Nations (UN) treaties and protocols. Titled “Urgent Legal and Diplomatic Concerns Regarding Activities of one Bombshell Geza and Associated

Groups Operating from South African Soil,” the letter alleges that Geza is at the centre of a wider network of political groups, activists, NGOs, and digital media platforms. This network, it claims, is orchestrating a coordinated “campaign of destabilisation” targeting President Emmerson Mnangagwa, ZANU-PF, and the Zimbabwean government. Part of the letter reads: Nyekorach-Matsanga urged South Africa and the ANC to

uphold Pan-African solidarity and respect for national sovereignty. He said: Geza, a war veteran and member of ZANU PF’s Central Committee, is wanted by the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) on a range of criminal charges. These include the alleged theft of three motor vehicles, which were reportedly taken and disposed of without the owner’s consent. He is also accused of undermining the authority of, or insulting, President

Emmerson Mnangagwa, an offence under Zimbabwe’s Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Act, as well as inciting public violence, particularly in connection with his calls for a national shutdown in protest against the country’s worsening economic conditions. Geza has been an outspoken critic of Mnangagwa’s administration, accusing it of corruption and gross economic mismanagement. -The Zimbabwean

Human Rights Lawyers Challenge “Repressive” Provisions Of PVO Amendment Act



Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR) has filed a petition at the High Court, seeking to have certain provisions of the Private Voluntary Organisations (PVO) Amendment Act declared unconstitutional and set aside. The organisation argues that the law unjustly criminalises legitimate development and human rights work, and imposes excessive regulation on private voluntary organisations (PVOs). The PVO Amendment Act, which was signed into law to strengthen oversight, aims to enhance the regulation, transparency, and accountability of PVOs. The government maintains that the legislation is necessary to prevent the abuse of charitable organisations for illicit activities, including money laundering and the financing of terrorism. Under the new law, the definition of PVOs has been expanded to include trusts and other legal entities. It also requires any PVO receiving external funding to register to ensure financial transparency. The Minister of Public Service, Labour,

and Social Welfare is granted powers to designate certain PVOs as high-risk and monitor their activities. ZLHR, in an application filed with the Harare High Court on 16 May 2025, contends that the Act, enacted and gazetted on 11 April 2025, violates the rights of its members. The organisation, which operates as an independent legal entity, says the amendments represent a serious infringement on constitutional freedoms. In a statement, ZLHR said the changes introduced by the Act amount to unconstitutional over-regulation and criminalisation of legitimate charitable, developmental, and human rights work. The ZLHR said: The provisions of the PVO Amendment Act, ZLHR argues, overreach by violating the freedom of assembly and association guaranteed under section 58(1) of the Constitution, the freedom of expression under section 61 of the Constitution, the right to administrative justice guaranteed under section 68(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the right to a fair hearing under section 69(1), (2) and (3) of the

Constitution and section 71 of the Constitution, which provides for property rights. ZLHR further argues that the impugned provisions of the PVO Amendment Act, are badly drafted and contain arbitrary powers and over-regulation of PVOs. ZLHR argues that the PVO Amendment Act grants excessive and arbitrary power to the Minister and the Registrar, allowing for undue executive interference in the internal operations of private voluntary organisations. According to the organisation, the contested provisions effectively empower the Executive to control PVOs and to deregister those it disfavors, often on vague and unjustified grounds. ZLHR is asking the High Court to declare several sections of the amended Act unconstitutional. Specifically, ZLHR seeks an order of constitutional invalidity for section 4; section 5, as read with section 9(5); section 6; section 13A; section 14; and section 21 of the Private Voluntary Organisations Act, as amended by the PVO Amendment Act. -Pindula

Zimbabwe hosts regional national road agencies



Zimbabwe is currently hosting the Association of Southern African National Road Agencies (ASANRA) board and committee meeting, aimed at supporting and developing an integrated transportation system that meets national and regional goals and objectives through the adoption of initiatives. The meeting, which started on Monday and is set to end this Friday, is being attended by officials from Zimbabwe, Namibia, Zambia, Malawi, Botswana, Angola, Tanzania, South Africa, Mozambique, Lesotho, and Eswatini. The Southern African National Road Agencies (ASANRA) is an association of road agencies in Southern Africa,

including the South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL). ASANRA is a key partner in the Southern Strategy for Transport and Trade (SSATP). Its members are mainly from countries within the Southern African Development Community (SADC). ASANRA’s focus is on improving road infrastructure and transport within the Southern African region. The association primarily includes national road agencies from SADC countries. ASANRA works collaboratively with other organisations like the SSATP to support regional transport initiatives. -herald online

Byo-Victoria Falls Road rehab begins



Matabeleland North Provincial Affairs Minister Richard Moyo

Preparations for the rehabilitation of the Bulawayo-Victoria Falls Road are now at an advanced stage, with detours being constructed to keep traffic flowing. The 435-kilometre stretch, a critical artery for tourism and regional trade, is set for completion within 10 months, bringing relief to motorists and businesses alike.

The Ministry of Transport and Infrastructural Development confirmed that detours are now under construction in Bernice Area, Cross Jotsholo and Insuza, ensuring minimal disruption to travellers. “Bush clearing is underway for detour construction in these areas as part of the broader rehabilitation and upgrading project,” the ministry said in a statement.

Five Zimbabwean companies have been selected to carry out the massive project, which will be executed in phases. Matabeleland

North Provincial Affairs Minister Richard Moyo expressed gratitude to the Government for prioritising the highway. “We are thankful to President Mnangagwa for this crucial development. This road is the lifeline of our province’s economy,” said Minister Moyo.

The Bulawayo-Victoria Falls Highway is more than just a domestic route, it’s a key regional corridor, linking Zimbabwe to Zambia, Botswana and Namibia. It serves tourists heading to Victoria Falls, one of Africa’s premier destinations, truckers transporting goods between southern Zimbabwe and north-western mining and farming regions and local communities who rely on the road for daily travel and commerce.

For years, the highway has been plagued by potholes, narrow lanes and eroded shoulders, causing delays and safety concerns. Its rehabilitation

is expected to revive trade, reduce travel time and improve road safety.

The project falls under the Government’s Emergency Road Rehabilitation Programme (ERRP2), which has already repaired over 50 000km of roads and 2 000 structures since 2021. To ensure long-term maintenance, the Government has acquired new road equipment, including tractors

The rehabilitation aligns with Zimbabwe’s goal of becoming an upper-middle-income economy by 2030, with infrastructure as a key driver. Despite limited access to foreign funding, the Government has pushed ahead with local contractors and resources, demonstrating its commitment to self-sufficiency. As work progresses, stakeholders can look forward to a smoother, safer and more efficient journey to Victoria Falls and beyond.

-Herald

Six men nabbed over abduction, assault of Zebra Kiss bus passenger



SIX men, who abducted a cross-border trader and bashed her for hours using planks, have been arrested. H-Metro, which broke the story yesterday, also carried a leader calling for the men’s arrest.

They were accusing Charlotte Dube, who used their bus to travel from Lusaka to Harare, of theft. Harare provincial police spokesperson Inspector Luckmore Chakanza confirmed the arrest.

“Police have arrested six men in connection of the physical assault of a woman. She was accused by the bus crew of allegedly stealing a parcel in what was a case of mistaken identity. A fellow passenger on the bus had claimed that she had lost a parcel and the crew accused Charlotte of being responsible for the theft.

A bus conductor, identified as Pardy, ordered Charlotte to remain in the bus. She was driven to the company’s garage where five people, who were only identified as Marvin, Munashe, Kuda, Roma and a man who called himself Baba Keketso, took turns to bash her using planks.

She sustained injuries on her hands, buttocks and her back. The passenger, who had claimed to have lost a parcel, later called the bus crew and advised them that her parcel was not stolen and Zebra Kiss manager, Kudakwashe Mupfukirei, apologised to Charlotte.

“The suspects are expected to appear in court tomorrow (today),” said Insp Chakanza. Charlotte sustained visible injuries on her hands, buttocks and her back.

Charlotte said Zebra Kiss manager Kudakwashe Mupfukirei has since apologised to her. She said Mupfukirei, in a WhatsApp message to her husband, suggested the crew might have been drunk and offered to compensate her loss and injury with a US\$300 payment.

Charlotte described the Zebra Kiss crew, which attacked her, as heartless. “I have been relying on Zebra Kiss for all my trips as a cross-border but this time they destroyed my trust,” said Charlotte.

“Their conductor Pardy engaged five of their staff members who took turns to beat me at their garage.

“They confiscated my goods, handed them to the passenger who claimed to have lost her parcel.

“I reported the assault.”

-Hmetro

City of Harare launches vehicle clamping blitz



City of Harare has intensified its efforts to restore order on the roads through a mass clamping exercise targeting motorists who flout city by-laws.

The operation specifically focuses on vehicles parked in undesignated areas, which are causing serious obstructions to the free flow of traffic in the Central

Business District.

Authorities have warned that the clampdown is part of a broader initiative to promote responsible driving and ensure safer, more efficient urban mobility.

Lawlessness on the city’s roads has for long been a major cause for concern making taming the traffic jungle a nightmare.

Some have attributed it to the increasing number of vehicles as opposed to the carrying capacity of the available infrastructure.

In some cases lawlessness on the roads has resulted accidents, injuries and loss of human lives.

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President strikes right chord

PRESIDENT Mnangagwa has struck the right chord in the country’s development trajectory through the adoption of an inward-looking developmental model that has culminated in the completion of watershed projects like the recently commissioned Trabablas Interchange in Harare. From this development model, the country is set to derive huge benefits as it will reduce foreign dependency, lower the country’s vulnerability to external shocks, support domestic industries and create jobs, spare the country from the debt trap while it leads to technological development by encouraging innovation and technological advancement.

This is in line with President Mnangagwa’s mantra, “Nyika Inovakwa Nevene Vayo” (A country is developed by its own people) and dovetails with the country’s desire to attain an upper-middle-class income status by 2030. President Mnangagwa commissioned the Trabablas Interchange last Friday amid pomp and fanfare as the nation

revelled in the brilliance of local talent, which spurs confidence as more interchanges are on the cards.

This US\$88 million project, located at the intersection of Simon Mazorodze, Chitungwiza and High Glen roads, is a key infrastructure development aimed at alleviating traffic congestion in southern Harare. It features 15 bridges, in a show of engineering genius by local talent most of whom came from local universities. Analysts and stakeholders in the construction industry have commended the Government for its approach to the infrastructural development model and scoffed at some individuals who sought to cast aspersions on the financing model and the costs around the interchange.

Writing on his X handle, South African-based analyst and university lecturer, Mr Kudzai Mutisi, commended the Government for using local engineers. “By the way, every engineering project is unique, it has unique challenges and unique deliverables. The amount of “earth”

moved here, the excavations, the sophisticated foundations (due to unstable ground), paying off affected property owners etc. You simply can’t compare two construction sites. . . after all, one of the characteristics of a project is that it is unique,” said Mr Mutisi.

“This is one of President Mnangagwa’s signature projects. Lots of experience gained by the engineers, companies and other stakeholders. This is what will make Zimbabwe better and better.” In an interview, Zimbabwe Builders Contractors Association (ZBCA) president Dr Tinashe Manzungu commended the Government for using local contractors.

“Since 2018, coming to 2021, when we had the promulgation of the National Development Strategy 1, there was a deliberate policy to use indigenous contractors, to use local contractors, the Zimbabwean contractor, and this is something that the Government actually kept its word on. You can actually see now that those international contractors



President Mnangagwa

that you probably remember to have built Harare or these other towns, 20 or 30 or 40 years ago, they are no longer in the country,” he said.

“The reason is that the Government has taken a position, and this is because of NDS1. Consistent with the thrust of NDS1, you will see that in every sector, where we have the infrastructure and utilities pillar, we are saying that is where we are getting the support from Government. And it speaks to

infrastructure development, construction of mega-projects that we are actually seeing. For example, this kind of project that we now have, the interchange, is a mega-project that was contracted to a category, a contractor who is able to deliver, and who has the capacity. And you may want to know where the capacity is coming from. It is coming from the support that the Government is giving.”

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Govt unveils urban land reform blueprint

In a landmark move to address decades-long chaos in urban land administration, the Government of Zimbabwe has approved the Urban State Land Management Policy, setting the stage for a more structured, transparent, and accountable approach to managing urban land. The announcement was made by Minister of Information, Publicity

and Broadcasting Services, Dr Jenfan Muswere, during Tuesday’s Post-Cabinet Media Briefing. He outlined how the policy is expected to tackle challenges such as illegal settlements, land baronism, and speculative land hoarding that have plagued Zimbabwe’s urban development landscape for years.

“The policy addresses rapid

urbanisation issues, such as dysfunctional settlements, speculative activities, and land baronism, while protecting citizens from fraudulent land deals. It clarifies stakeholder roles, provides operational guidelines, and promotes efficient and effective urban state land management,” said Dr Muswere.

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Minister of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services, Dr Jenfan Muswere

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10 Outrageous Lies from Job Sikhala’s Overseas Speech: Condemning Both the Regime and Deception

In a recent speech delivered overseas, Job Sikhala made a number of outrageous claims that deserve closer scrutiny. While it’s important to condemn the abuses by the authorities, it is equally vital to call out falsehoods and deceptions, regardless of the source.

Here are ten outrageous moments from Job Sikhala’s speech:

1. False Claim of Promine-nce as a Lawyer:

- **Claim:** “I am a prominent lawyer.”
- **Reality:** This assertion is false. While Sikhala has a background in law, his prominence is overstated. Sikhala only recently qualified as a lawyer, having taken several years to acquire the requisite LLB. A lawyer he is, a prominent or accomplished one he is not.

2. Misrepresentation of Arrest:

- **Claim:** “I was arrested for representing a single mother, Mo Blessing Ali.”
- **Reality:** Sikhala was arrested following skirmishes where the police believed he incited supporters to retaliate. The case’s failure in court does not change the context of his arrest. He was not arrested merely for offering the family legal representation.

3. Election Rigging Allegation:

- **Claim:** “I was arrested because the regime wanted to rig the 2023 elections and feared my candidacy.”
- **Reality:** This claim lacks evidence and is part of Sikhala’s broader narrative to paint himself as a critical threat to the regime. This claim is really just silly. Indeed, if the regime could cage him for two years without consequence, what would stop it from doing the same if he attempted to challenge the alleged rigging?

4. Denial of Food in Prison:

- **Claim:** “While in prison, I was denied food.”
- **Reality:** Despite issuing multiple statements from prison, this is the first time Sikhala has made such a claim, casting doubt on its veracity. Separately, Sikhala’s stature on emerging from prison seemed hardly diminished. He did not appear as one who had been starved.

5. Alleged Blackmail of Lawyers:

- **Claim:** “Beatrice Mtetwa was blackmailed to stop representing me.”
- **Reality:** The specifics of this blackmail are unclear, making the claim dubious without further evidence.

6. Threats to Legal Team:

- **Claim:** “Harrison Nkomo had a gun pointed at his head by authorities.”
- **Reality:** This severe allegation is uncorroborated and appears to dramatize the situation.

7. Destruction of Legal Practice:

- **Claim:** “While in prison, my office was looted and my furniture scattered.”



- **Reality:** This is the first mention of such destruction, which seems implausible without prior documentation or evidence. Sikhala goes on to claim he has been destroyed economically. His motives for making this claim become clear at the end of his speech.

8. Funeral Disruption:

- **Claim:** “A drunken mob was unleashed to disrupt Mo Blessing Ali’s funeral.”
- **Reality:** The disruption was actually due to clashes between Chamisa’s and Sikhala’s supporters, not a government-orchestrated event. This was clearly documented in media reports. See this article from VOA: <https://voazimbabwe.com/a/sikhala-chamisa-supporters-clash-at-ccc-activist-moreblessing-ali-funeral/7511371.html>.

9. Wife’s Arrest:

- **Claim:** “My wife Ellen was unjustly arrested for a spurious road traffic offense.”
- **Reality:** An offense cannot be deemed spurious if it acknowledges her committing it. The basis for her arrest needs clear distinction.

10. Economic Migrants vs. Political Refugees:

- **Claim:** “Millions have fled persecution to the diaspora, desperate to live in a democratic society.”
- **Reality:** Most Zimbabweans abroad are economic migrants fleeing poverty, not

- political refugees.
- Clarifications Needed:**
 - Sikhala’s claim about the recall of opposition members contradicts statements from Nelson Chamisa and his supporters who claim Tendai Biti and Welshma Ncube are in fact the orchestrators of the recalls. Clarity is needed to determine the true narrative.
 - His statement on the Patriotic Bill lacks legal backing, as no section under the bill would lead to his arrest for speaking abroad.

The Real Motive: Sikhala concludes by stating, “That’s why we launched the National Democratic Working Group in Zimbabwe. Our goal is to engage Zimbabwe in these national governance clashes. I hope you will support us.” His speech’s dramatic flair seems aimed at raising funds for his political outfit. While his plight and oppressive tactics by the regime are real, the embellishments and falsehoods undermine his credibility and the cause he champions.

Job Sikhala’s speech, while highlighting critical issues within Zimbabwe, is marred by falsehoods that do little to advance the truth. It is crucial to remain vigilant against both the regime’s oppression and any deceptive tactics used to fight it. -Kukurigo Updates , -Newsreportzim

President strikes right chord

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ZBCA chief executive officer Ms Joyline Zindanga said local contractors were doing their best in Zimbabwe in terms of infrastructure development. “This is history in the making, local contractors are doing great things in Zimbabwe in terms of infrastructure development and we are proud to say that the people who carried out this project are members of the Zimbabwe Building Contractors Association. We would like to applaud the Government for giving us a chance as Zimbabweans to build our own country to the best of our abilities. Look at the interchange, this is a massive project and it’s something that’s never been done in Zimbabwe. So I am also proud to be part of this history that is coming up in our country,” she said.

Commenting on issues to do with quality, Ms Zindanga said when this project started, people were sceptical about the capacity of local contractors. “All I can say is that the local contractors are now capacitated to do these big projects. So I believe we are able to carry out these projects and this is also testament that our contractors are doing great things. Look at all the other buildings that are in the country, it’s our local contractors who are carrying out these projects. So the capacity and the quality of the workmanship is excellent and I must say we are proud to say that we are able to do these massive projects. So our future is set because our youths as well as women are also partaking in projects of this magnitude,” she said.

Speaking at the commissioning of the Interchange last Friday, Transport and Infrastructural Development Minister Felix Mhona said President Mnangagwa was walking the talk in his mantra “Nyika Inovakwa Nevene Vayo” by ensuring that all projects have

been completed on time countrywide.
Minister Mhona narrated some of the projects that the Government is currently undertaking and these include the construction of roads, bridges and border posts, among others.
He said in line with the constitutional principles enshrined in the Bill of Rights, President Mnangagwa supported them to ensure that all those who were affected by the construction of the interchange were compensated reasonably and fairly.
“Under your guidance, the relocation and compensation of affected businesses and families became our priority,” he said.
Another analyst said Zimbabwe was modernising its infrastructure without the risk of getting into a debt trap. “The beauty about Zimbabwe’s development model which is circumstantial, is that these infrastructure projects are wholly locally funded meaning Zimbabwe is modernising without the usual debt trap. It might take longer but the model is sustainable, thanks to the hostile environment wrought by foreign sanctions. Zimbabwe is gradually becoming the second best road networked country outside South Africa,” he said.
According to Ovum, one of the South African companies behind the project, the interchange structure itself cost US\$65 million. “The total cost of the project is currently estimated at US\$88 million, which is allocated as US\$65 million for the interchange structures and US\$23 million for temporary detour works, relocation costs and professional fees,” the company was quoted by an online publication as saying.
The Trabablas interchange has brought huge relief to motorists who had been subjected to a choking traffic jam at the old Mbudzi roundabout.
-Herald

Govt unveils urban land reform blueprint

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Built around six key pillars, Governance and Decentralisation, Innovation and Technology, Procedures and Processes, Regulatory Framework and Enforcement, Infrastructure Development, and Planning and Compliance — the policy framework aims to foster orderly growth and improve the quality of life in urban areas.
Dr Muswere noted that these pillars are designed to promote transparency, accountability, and proper planning, while enhancing enforcement to prevent unlawful land allocations and abuse of authority. “The policy also seeks to empower local authorities and devolved government structures to play a more active role in land management, under a harmonised governance framework. This development is being hailed as a crucial step towards sustainable urbanisation and improved service delivery,” he said.
In addition to the land policy, Cabinet also announced a major health cooperation agreement between Zimbabwe and China. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed to formalise collaboration between Parirenyatwa Group of Hospitals and Hunan Provincial People’s Hospital of China.
Dr Muswere said the partnership will boost Zimbabwe’s capacity in respiratory and critical

care medicine.
“The objective is to strengthen the construction of respiratory and critical care medicine facilities in Zimbabwe and improve local capacity on prevention, control, diagnosis, and treatment of COVID-19, as well as airway management and respiratory support for critical patients,” he said.
On the agriculture front, Cabinet confirmed that the 2024 cotton marketing season will begin on June 1, with expanded buying points being set up countrywide. The initiative is part of efforts to decentralise cotton marketing and ensure more inclusive participation by smallholder farmers.
Additionally, Cabinet reviewed the outcomes of President Emmerson Mnangagwa’s recent state visits to Russia and Belarus, where discussions centred on economic cooperation and Zimbabwe’s aspiration to join the BRICS bloc and the New Development Bank. These diplomatic engagements signal Harare’s intent to deepen global partnerships and diversify sources of economic support.
Collectively, the Cabinet announcements reflect a multi-sectoral approach to governance — one that aims to improve urban living standards, healthcare delivery, economic inclusion, and international engagement.
-HararePost

'Chivayo should be celebrated'

Holy Spirit Ministries pastor Solomon Ndlovu has sparked fierce debate after publicly defending controversial businessman and tenderpreneur Wicknell Chivayo, insisting the flamboyant socialite has committed no crime and should be celebrated for his philanthropic gestures.
Ndlovu's comments, made during a sermon and shared widely on social media, came in the wake of a high-profile snub by Eunor Gutti - widow of the late Archbishop Ezekiel Guti and founder of ZAOGA - who recently turned down Chivayo's offer of a brand new Toyota VXR Land Cruiser 300 and US\$250,000 in cash. The donation, according to Chivayo, was made in memory of the late religious leader, whom he claimed had supported him in difficult times.
Critics have slammed Ndlovu's statements as excessive praise, bordering on bootlicking, especially as Chivayo continues to attract scrutiny over his ties to controversial government tenders. "She [Eunor Gutti] should have accepted the money and used it to pay her pastors or invest in projects that benefit the community, including upgrading her university," Ndlovu said. "Maybe she refused because she's a billionaire herself, but the money could still do a lot of good."
The former army chaplain went on to claim that Chivayo's actions should be commended, comparing him to international philanthropists. "The likes of Bill Gates and Elon Musk give to their



communities. That's what billionaires do," Ndlovu said. "If Chivayo had stolen anything, I don't think the police would allow him to give away cars and cash so openly."
He added that many religious institutions accept tithes and donations without verifying the source of the funds. "Pastors receive money from members, some of which could be from shady deals. What's different here?" he asked. "Chivayo is giving back to the people. We should appreciate that."
Ndlovu's praise didn't stop there — he suggested Chivayo would make a better Cabinet minister than many currently serving in government. "He's a billionaire, he wouldn't even need a salary. Most ministers are hungry, and I think the government should appoint Chivayo to a ministry," he said.
The pastor also made a public appeal for Chivayo to extend his generosity to

essential service workers like doctors and teachers. "If he helps them, they'll be motivated to do their work better. When I get sick, I will go to the same doctors," Ndlovu said.
Despite public backlash, the cleric maintained that unless proven guilty in court, Chivayo's donations should not be viewed with suspicion. "If there's a problem, the courts will deal with him. But I don't believe he's stealing. If he offers me money, I will take it — why should I refuse a gift?" Ndlovu said.
While some see the pastor's remarks as an attempt to defend generosity in tough economic times, others view them as dangerous normalization of unchecked wealth and potential corruption. As debate continues to swirl around Chivayo's high-profile donations, the lines between philanthropy and power politics remain blurred. -Bulawayo24

Gold Rush in Chirumhanzu : Innovative MP saves the community



Hon Barbara Rwodzi, Minister of Tourism and Hospitality

Hon Barbara Rwodzi undoubtedly deserves a place in the Zimbabwe book of records, as she has many lives from murderous bullies who go around the country robbing gold miners of their hard-earned gold. Following the discovery of gold at Shashe River in Chirumhanzu South Constituency, illegal gold panners from across the country rushed to the place, and the stampede resulted in fights as well as cases of violence, robberies that left many injured.

The community in which the precious mineral was discovered lived in fear to the extent that many were contemplating fleeing their homes for their dear lives. Then the innovative Member of the House of

Assembly for the constituency chipped in to save the lives of many.

Barbara Rwodzi, who is the Member of the House of Assembly for Chirumhanzu South constituency and also Minister of Tourism and Hospitality, soon after receiving information to the effect that there was restlessness in her constituency because of the gold rush, responded rapidly by negotiating with the Zimbabwe Police Service (ZPS) to man the area. The Police also responded rapidly by deploying details who manned the place 24/7.

It was not easy for the police as well because the illegal panners did not retreat easily. They played hide and seek with the police until the Member of the House of Parliament

hatched a plan in line with ‘A Country is best built by its own people ‘(Nyika inovakwa nevene vayo)’Mantra.

‘A COUNTRY IS BEST BUILT BY ITS OWN PEOPLE’ (NYIKA INOVAKWA NEVENE VAYO)’ Mantra.

Hon Rwodzi then sought permission from her superiors to formalise operations. Prospectors were invited to ascertain if it was necessary to set a mining claim; they came and did what they knew best. The site was fenced, and a hammer mill was bought so that proper mining activities could commence. That was the beginning of the fulfillment of the ‘A country is best built by its people’ (Nyika inovakwa nevene vayo) mantra.

A meeting was called to inform people in and around the community where the precious mineral was discovered that the mine was going to be theirs and mining activities were going to be carried out by them, whilst they were going to take the money realised with them. The announcement attracted a big round of applause, ululation, whistles and all sought signs of relief.

Addressing the conveners, she said that everyone in the community was going to individually benefit from the gold that they would have found at the hammer mill while what will be realised from further processing of the slime (leaching) will go a long way in developing the community through roads rehabilitation and many other projects that will be agreed on, “At this stage you are going to take the

money home with you but when further processing of slime will done the money will be used to develop the community at large,” amid a big round of applause.

Hon Rwodzi also urged parents to take advantage and pay school fees for their children, “When you get the money, please do not spend it extravagantly, pay fees for the children and buy food for the family”.

An official opening of the mine was then done, where rituals were performed in recognition of the spirits of the land. Speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony, the Councillor for Ward 2,3, Margareth Mashasha, where the gold was discovered, implored the beneficiaries to carry out their activities in peace and harmony.

“I want to thank our leaders, our President for according us such an opportunity in our constituency, I want thank our MP for approaching her superiors on our behalf for the success of this landmark development, My solemn request to you as beneficiaries is that we have to work peacefully with love for one another so that we develop our community, I also want beg you to then pay tax to council so that council as local Government will be able to develop our community”.

Soon after the groundbreaking ceremony, members of the community were invited to start working in groups of ten people. It was and is still all smiles for the people who are working at the mine in that order. Hunger and thirst became a thing of the past for people in Ward 23 of Chirumhanzu South Constituency.

“This is unprecedented in the

annals of our area, let alone our constituency, now I am going to buy mealie meal without having begged anyone or doing a piece work at someone’s home, I have no words adequate to express my gratitude to the President of this country, my MP and my councillor”, said a beneficiary who preferred anonymity.

“These women are God given, we have had male MPs and Councillors in our constituency but they have never been so innovative as much as we have seen this this time, I don’t want to touch on the national level but forgive me to say that the coming in of President Emmerson Mnangagwa have changed our lives significantly”, said another villager.

The community is not only benefiting from gold exploration, but those who are enterprising are benefiting lucratively. It has come to the attention of this reporter that those who are enterprising are getting a fair share of the spoils as they can sell their wares at the mine without hustle.

“Surely I am happy to have witnessed such a development in this Ward during my lifetime, imagine we now don’t have to wrestle with those vendors that are at Charandura Growth Point as we can sell our products here without playing hide and seek with the municipal Police,” said a confectionaries vendor at the mine.

Enterprising members in the community sell green mealies, soft drinks, ground nuts, bread, buns, vegetables and many different types of foodstuffs that the beneficiaries on duty might need to quench their thirst and hunger. **-thesunnews.co.zw**

NEW: Sacrifice to defend Zimbabwe’s interests, youths told



Minister of Youth Empowerment, Development and Vocational Training Tino Machakaire

GOVERNMENT will continue to encourage youths to embrace the spirit of empathy and cooperation to build a brighter and more inclusive future for every citizen, Minister of Youth Empowerment, Development and Vocational Training Tino Machakaire has said. In a speech read on his behalf in Harare last week by his deputy Mr Kudakwashe Mupamhanga, at the 80th anniversary commemorations of Russia’s victory over Nazi Germany in the Great Patriotic War, Minister Machakaire urged Zimbabwean youth to put the national interest first.

He said the sacrifices that were made by Russian youths in defence of their motherland between 1941 and 1945 against the Nazi Germany onslaught, leading to a loss of 27 million lives, should inspire a spirit of patriotism in Zimbabwe’s youths. “People of Russia defended their territory during the Great Patriotic War, and for Zimbabwe, last month we celebrated our independence from colonialism,” he said.

“This anniversary is a testament to the enduring spirit of resilience.

“The youth are the vanguard and torchbearers of the present and the future.

“They carry the aspirations of the future generations. We should remind and encourage them to learn from the sacrifices made by Russian youth when they defended their country.

“As we remember the past, we must look ahead.” Russia’s Ambassador to Zimbabwe Mr Nikolai Krasilnikov said his country’s Victory Day “matters for all of us”, as it facilitated the end of the Second World War, led to the

formation of the United Nations and contributed to the triumph of Africa’s liberation movements. “The victory in the Great Patriotic War facilitated the end of the Second World War in September 1945.

“Such an outcome made it possible for the United Nations to be established.

“And the United Nations contributed significantly to the triumph of the liberation movement across the globe, including in Africa.

“With such aspirations, we remember the lessons of the Second World War. Russia will do its utmost to prevent such a disaster from happening again. That is why we conducted the special military operation against the Neo-Nazi regime in Ukraine,” Mr Krasilnikov said. The Junior Member of Parliament for Harare Central constituency, Tanaka Musiiwa, said the event had taught him to make sacrifices for the country’s development. “We should be able to make sacrifices for what we believe in and make sure our nation is always at peace,” he said.

“The war and victory of Russia gives us a lesson that if we are determined to end particular problems affecting Zimbabwe, we can truly succeed.”

The event was also attended by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Ms Sheila Chikomo; ZANU PF Politburo members Cdes Patrick Chinamasa, Christopher Mutsvangwa, Mike Bimha and Simbarashe Mumbengegwi; senior Government officials, members of the diplomatic community and junior parliamentarians.

-The Herald

ZESA scrambles to restore power amid dual infrastructure blow



Power utility, ZESA Holdings, is racing against time to restore electricity generation at the country’s largest coal-fired power plant, Hwange Power Station, after five units were knocked offline by boiler tube failures blamed on acidic water contamination — a fresh blow to the country’s already fragile energy grid. ZESA said it now it expects all five affected units at Hwange Power Station to be fully operational by tomorrow.

The repair efforts follow an intensive recovery process triggered by significant leaks that disrupted generation and caused widespread blackouts for residential and industrial consumers alike. “The acidic water has caused fractures to boiler tubes on the units. Significant tube leaks were identified on Units 1 and 2 while Units 3, 4 and 6, which were also online on the day, are being assessed. Repairs are now in progress on Units 1 and 2,” the utility said.

The company added that work on the first unit was nearing completion and that it is expected to return to service by midnight.

“All five affected units are projected to be fully operational by the end of day on Friday, 9 May 2025,” ZESA said, expressing confidence in its technical teams and ongoing maintenance efforts. The incident has once again highlighted the vulnerability of Zimbabwe’s aging energy infrastructure. The damage significantly reduced generation capacity at a time when the national grid is already under pressure.

ZESA said subsequent investigations had identified the water treatment plant as the root of the contamination that fractured the boiler tubes.

“Subsequent investigations have identified the water treatment plant as the source of the contamination. Immediate corrective actions were taken, including isolation of the treatment plant and flushing out of all affected systems. The water supply has since been stabilized and is now adequate for plant operations,” the utility said.

While the Hwange failure triggered generation losses, ZESA is also contending with another crisis — a fire at its

Highfield substation that caused extensive damage to key electrical infrastructure. The blaze destroyed a 20MVA 33/11kV transformer (T1), a 33kV T1 circuit breaker (CB 37), three 33kV current transformers, and vital control cables.

To contain the fallout, ZESA has implemented load reconfiguration measures to reroute power. “Workington [is being] backed from Kambuzuma and Willowvale [is being] backed from Parkridge via Glen View and a transformer will be removed from Hatgates and installed at Highfield,” the company said.

Amid the twin challenges, the utility has scored a small victory with the restoration of the Beatrice substation, which has brought power back to Old Adbernnie, Waterfalls, Mbare, and parts of Southerton. However, multiple areas — including Varun Beverages, New Adbernnie, parts of Willowvale Industrial, Highfield residential, and Glen Norah — remain in the dark as restoration efforts continue.

-BUSINESS TIMES

The scourge of demolitions in Harare: A call to action

Harare has been plagued by rampant demolitions, leaving thousands of residents displaced and vulnerable. Harare has been plagued by rampant demolitions, leaving thousands of residents displaced and vulnerable. This phenomenon is not only a symptom of incompetence and inhumanity, but also a reflection of the deep-seated corruption and mismanagement that pervades the city's governance structures.

As a concerned citizen, I am compelled to speak out against this injustice and appeal to the relevant authorities to take immediate action to address this crisis. The recent leaked document from the Harare City Council clearly indicates a proposed plan to demolish approximately 22 000 houses in Harare, which has sparked widespread concern and debate among citizens. While the council claims that these demolitions are necessary to address urban planning and development issues, many citizens and stakeholders have raised questions about the motivations and logic behind this decision, given the significant number of people affected and the potential impact on affected communities.

The council's plan to demolish houses in different parts of Harare has been criticised for failing to take into account the needs and concerns of affected communities and has been accused of being inhumane and incompetent, with many questioning the logic behind the decision.

This has caused many residents to express fears about their future and the impact that the demolitions will have on their livelihoods. In fact, lack of transparency and accountability in the council's decision-making process has raised concerns about the motives behind the demolitions and the council's plan has been widely criticised for being overly ambitious and unrealistic, given the limited resources and capacity of the council and accused of being discriminatory, with some arguing that it will disproportionately affect vulnerable communities.

There are concerns that the demolitions are being politicised, with some accusing the Harare City Council of targeting Zanu PF supporters while protecting opposition party members. This has led to allegations of selective enforcement and bias in the application of the law, which creates an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty.

The politicisation of the demolitions has also raised concerns about the council's

motivations and the potential for abuse of power, with many residents expressing fears that the council is using the demolitions as a tool for political retribution and intimidation, rather than as a means of addressing urban planning and development issues.

These proposed demolitions have highlighted the lack of trust between the Harare City Council and the community, with many residents feeling that the council is not listening to their concerns and is instead imposing its will without regard for the impact on their lives.

As such, the council's history of alleged corruption and mismanagement has eroded trust in the institution, and the council needs to take steps to rebuild trust with the community, including engaging in meaningful consultations and providing transparent and accountable decision-making processes.

Reports suggest that a Commission of Inquiry into the Harare City Council has revealed alleged rampant corruption and mismanagement within the council. The commission's preliminary findings have raised serious questions about the council's ability to manage the city's affairs and highlighted the need for urgent reforms.

The alleged corruption and mismanagement have contributed to the lack of trust between the council and the community, with many residents feeling that the council is more interested in lining its own pockets than in serving the needs of the community. The proposed demolitions also raise questions about the council's commitment to achieving Vision 2030, which aims to transform Zimbabwe into an upper-middle-income economy by 2030.

Such demolitions are likely to exacerbate poverty and inequality, undermining the government's efforts to achieve this vision and its housing development goals as clearly spelt in the National Development Strategy 1 (NDS1), which aims to provide affordable housing for

all citizens, but the demolitions contradict this goal and create uncertainty and insecurity for many residents.

In addition to the proposed demolitions in Harare, there have been recent demolitions in other parts of the country, including Chinhoyi Citrus, Warwick, and Cloverdale Farms just to mention a few.

These demolitions have highlighted the need for a more nuanced and inclusive approach to urban development, with affected communities arguing that they are being unfairly targeted and that their rights are not being respected.

Given the concerns raised about these demolitions, it is essential that thorough investigations are conducted to establish the correct facts on the ground and determine the motivations behind such demolitions, the potential impact on the affected communities, and the council's decision-making process.

In conclusion, the proposed demolitions in Harare are a stark



reminder of the city's governance crisis, which has led to a situation where the rights of citizens are being trampled upon, and the rule of law is being selectively applied. It is essential that the council engages with the community and finds solutions that balance the need for development with the rights and needs of residents.

The government must take immediate and decisive action to address the root causes of this crisis, including the alleged corruption and mismanagement within the council, and prioritise

the needs of its citizens and work towards creating a more just and equitable. In order to address these challenges, I propose the implementation of the following recommendations:

The government should urgently intervene to address the challenges in Harare and take steps to ensure that the city is governed in a transparent and accountable manner, and that the rights of all citizens are protected. This may involve appointing a commission to run the city, as was done in the past, to restore order and stability.

The Harare City Council needs to adopt a more inclusive and nuanced approach to urban development that takes into account the needs and concerns of all stakeholders. This includes engaging with the community, addressing alleged corruption and mismanagement, and prioritizing the needs and well-being of residents.

Thorough investigations should be conducted to establish the facts on the ground and determine the motivations behind the demolitions. -Thestandard



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The Environment Management Board Chairperson, Ambassador ZW Nsimbi; Board Members, Management and Staff of the Environmental Management Agency (EMA), join **His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Cde. Dr. E.D Mnangagwa**, and the Nation at large, in celebrating the country's **45th Independence Anniversary**. We appreciate the great environmental milestones realized in Independent Zimbabwe, all aimed at creating a clean, safe and healthy environment for all the citizens, as we forge ahead towards the attainment of Vision 2030.

As Zimbabwe celebrates its independence, let's uphold environmental responsibility as an integral part to national pride and development.

As the country prepares to host the 15th Conference of the Contracting Parties(COP15)oftheConventiononWetlandsinVictoriaFallsCityfrom 23-31 July 2025, let us protect our wetlands for the current and future generations.

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Miss Universe Finalist Quits Modelling

MISS Universe Zimbabwe 2025 contestant Annie Grace Mutambu, who did not finish in the top 5 at the just-ended pageant on Saturday, says this was her last time in pageantry. Mutambu was crowned Miss World Zimbabwe 2015. Due to new regulations at the Miss Universe pageant, which allow married women, former queens and contestants over 30 years of age, Mutambu was one of the top nine finalists this year.

In an interview with Zimpapers Arts Hub, Mutambu said now is the right time to call it quits. "I started modelling when I was very young. I was only 19 years-old. I did not know anything," she said.

"Right now, I think I have learnt and know a lot. I have enough confidence. This is a comeback and I am happy to be taking part in this year's pageant.

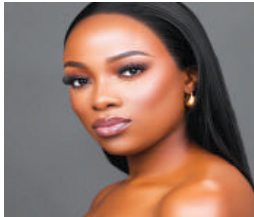
"If I win, that is a bonus for me but, if not, then this is

my last time on the pageantry stage. "It is a tight competition."

The talented model was born and raised in the capital. During her time as Miss World in 2015, she was described as "a determined young lady". During her interview at Miss World, Mutambu picked Belgian fashion designer Diane Von Fürstenberg as her favourite fashion designer.

"I like her because she is an active philanthropist who helps organisations that work to improve education, human rights, health and the environment."

"I entered Miss World 2015 because I am a beautiful young lady." -Herald



Annie Grace Mutambu

Starlink Licensing in South Africa: Government Makes Move to Relax BEE Conditions For Elon Musk

South Africa’s Communications & Digital Technology Minister, Solly Malatsi has issued a “proposed policy direction” targeting to change BEE conditions for the issue of operating licenses to internet providers in the country. The move is a workaround to have Starlink licensed in South Africa without necessarily meeting BEE conditions. Part of the proposed policy document says:

The focus of this policy direction is on lowering regulatory hurdles to investment in reliable broadband and ensuring access to the internet. The development follows the much publicised meeting earlier this week in the USA between US President Donald Trump and SA President Cyril Ramaphosa. The meeting was also attended by billionaire entrepreneur and owner of Starlink, Elon Musk.

The idea of this change is not new, however. Back in October last year, Malatsi said he would issue the policy direction to the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (Icasa) so Starlink can bypass the Broad-based black economic empowerment (BEE) rule.

He said then in part:

“It is my intention to issue a policy direction to Icasa in terms of section 3(2) of the Electronic



Communications Act, to clarify the DCDT’s position on the recognition of equity equivalent programs, for urgent consideration.

“This is part of an initiative to significantly expand access to broadband connectivity to poor South Africans and people living in remote parts of the country...

“Giving millions of South Africans access to broadband would therefore constitute one of the biggest empowerment programmes the South African government has ever undertaken. South Africa is one of the few countries in Southern Africa that has still not licensed Starlink. Musk,

who has commented on the issue several times says his company is denied a license because of racist laws. He said last week in a post on X:

“South Africa has now passed 142 laws forcing discrimination against anyone who is not black!

Even though I was born in South Africa, the government will not grant @Starlink a license to operate simply because I am not black.

This is a shameful disgrace to the legacy of the great Nelson Mandela who sought to have all races treated equally in South Africa.”

Opposition to the relaxation of BEE Conditions. The change will not

sail through without strong opposition however, both from within government as well as opposition political parties like EFF. Following the meeting between Trump and Ramaphosa, the EFF posted on X:

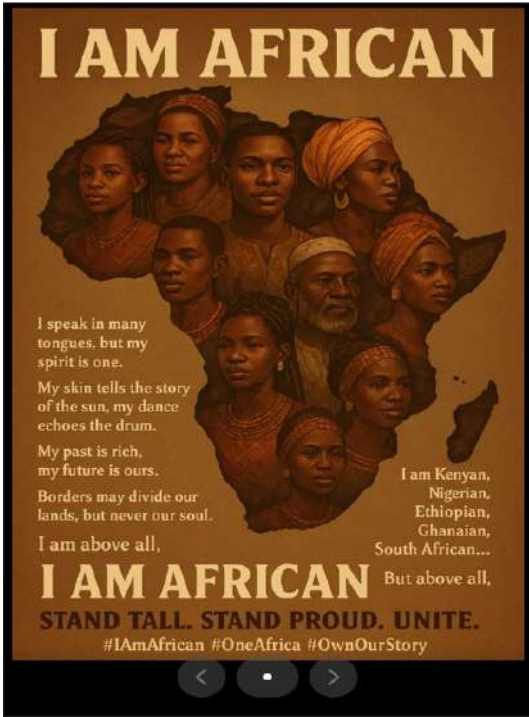
Let it be clear — Starlink will not operate unless 30% is ceded to Black South Africans under true BEE. We will not allow foreign billionaires to profit while our people remain dispossessed. And indeed, following the Minister’s issuance of the policy direction today, the EFF released a statement saying:

This policy is tailor-made to allow Starlink access to operate in South Africa without meeting the mandatory 30% local ownership requirement as per the Electronic Communications Act.

Musk has arrogantly refused to comply with our sovereign laws, and the ANC-led government has chosen to kneel.

This policy is clearly a capitulation in the face of an aggressive disinformation campaign of white genocide perpetuated by Musk. Musk, through Starlink is now essentially being rewarded after a pure case of corporate terror that undermines our sovereignty and necessary transformation polices.

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Former Kawambwa MP Nixon Chilangwa pays final respects to late wife.

FORMER Kawambwa Member of Parliament, Nixon Chilangwa who is currently incarcerated, has paid his final respects to his late wife, Mwamba Kambikambi Chilangwa. This is after the Zambia Correctional Service granted Chilangwa permission to attend the burial, citing Article 142 of the Prisons Act, which provides for temporary absence from prison on compassionate grounds.

And as Chilangwa mourned his wife, Patriotic Front (PF) vice president Given Lubinda offered words of comfort, encouraging him to find strength in his faith during the period of grief. Mr Lubinda further urged political leaders to use such solemn moments for introspection.

“It is in moments like these that we must ask ourselves how we have used our positions to promote peace and harmony,”

Mr Lubinda said. “We will be remembered not by the number of people to whom we brought misery, but by those whose lives we uplifted,” he added. The burial service was attended by numerous mourners, including members of the PF and the opposition Alliance, alongside family and friends.

And speaking on behalf of the family, Noble Kalwa who is Mr Chilangwa’s uncle,

expressed heartfelt gratitude to all who joined them in mourning and to the government for permitting Mr Chilangwa to attend the burial. Mrs Chilangwa died on May 19, this year in Ndola after a short illness.

She has been laid to rest at Leopards Hill Memorial Park in Lusaka.



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NetOne Group CEO scoops Business Leader of the Year award

► **Liberty Dube**
Business Correspondent



NETONE Group Chief Executive Officer, Engineer Raphael Mushanawani, has said businesses should play a critical role of collaboration, innovation, and sustainability in achieving the goals of the National Development Strategy (NDS1) and Vision 2030. Speaking during the 2025 Zimbabwe National Chamber of Commerce Business Awards ceremony held at a local hotel last Friday, Engineer Mushanawani, underscored the importance of environmental responsibility in the pursuit of economic growth. He urged businesses to unite in unlocking Zimbabwe's full economic potential through strategic partnerships and forward-thinking policies.

The awards ceremony brought together captains of industry, entrepreneurs, Government officials, and development partners. It was held under the theme: **“Unlocking Business Potential through Policy, Partnerships, and Productivity.”** “As we gather to celebrate excellence in our business, community and the remarkable strides we are making towards economic development in Zimbabwe, particularly in the beautiful province of Manicaland, we are reminded of our collective responsibility to harness the potential of our nation through collaboration and innovation. “The National Strategy, National Development Strategy (NDS1), serves as our guiding framework for the

living standards of our communities. “Let us not forget the importance of preserving our environment and wetlands as we pursue economic development. The health of our ecosystem is vital for the well-being of our future generations. We must monitor our natural resources, ensuring that our industries operate sustainably and responsibly. This is not just a corporate responsibility; it is an ethical obligation to protect the land that sustains our lives.”

He called for collaborations between different sectors to create an ecosystem that nurtures innovation and propels the country's economy forward. “A collaboration between different sectors is essential for achieving our shared goals by fostering partnerships between Government, private enterprises, and the general society so that we can create an ecosystem that nurtures innovation and propels our economy forward. Together we can unlock new opportunities, and drive productivity that benefits all Zimbabweans.

“As we recognise the outstanding businesses tonight, let us celebrate, and not only the achievements, but also the spirit of resilience and innovation that they embody. Each award and recipient represents the

country's development. NDS1 is a vision that is not merely a distant goal. It is a call to action for all of us to work diligently towards a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable future. In this digital era, the digitalisation of our economy is imperative.

At NetOne, we recognise that technology is the backbone of modern business, and the right to deliver on the needs of others.” Engineer Mushanawani added: “We will be a catalyst for transformation by embracing digital solutions to enhance the ease of doing business, streamline operations, improve access to markets.

Our commitment to advancing smart cities, smart mining and smart agriculture is grounded in the belief that innovation can drive sustainable growth and elevate the

potential that lies within our nation that is meant for what can be accomplished through hard work dedication strategy and strategic partnerships. “I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Zimbabwe National Chamber of Commerce (ZNCC) for organising this event, and for the vital work to support businesses across our nation. Let us continue to work together and to unlock the full potential of our economy as we strive towards the ambitious goal set out in NDS1 and Vision 2030. Congratulations to all the nominees and award winners tonight. Let us forge ahead with determination, united in our mission,” concluded Engineer Mushanawani.

Engineer Mushanawani was honoured for these attributes:

- 1. Vision and Strategy**
 - Demonstrates a clear vision for the business and the ability to develop and implement effective strategies.
- 2. Innovation and Creativity**
 - Exhibits innovative thinking and creativity in problemsolving and business development.
- 3. Leadership and Team Development**
 - Shows strong leadership qualities, including the ability to inspire and develop team members.
- 4. Financial Performance**
 - Achieves significant financial growth and demonstrates sound financial management.
- 5. Community Impact** - Contributes positively to the community and demonstrates social responsibility.
- 6. Sustainability Practices**
 - Implements sustainable business practices that promote environmental responsibility.
- 7. Adaptability and Resilience**
 - Exhibits the ability to adapt to changing market conditions and overcome challenges.
- 8. Stakeholder Engagement** - Effectively engages with stakeholders, including employees, customers, and partners.
- 9. Ethical Standards**
 - Maintains high ethical standards in business operations and decision-making.
- 10. Recognition and Awards**
 - Receives recognition or awards for leadership or excellence in business.

